

Sunday, July 4

Band Concert
Rutland, The Rutland City Band performs in Main Street Park, 7-9 p.m.

Today

THINGS TO DO

Play Chess

Rutland, Play chess at Dana Recreation Center, 39 Center St., 7-9 p.m., free, all levels welcome.

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853.

Friday

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Band Concert

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Wednesday's Results

American Legion
Fair Haven 7, Chester 6
Windsor 8, Rutland 5
Rutland Adult Softball
Woman's A: C/J's 7, Friars Tavern 0
Woman's B: B&G Garage 17, Tapas 12
Women's C: Comfort Inn 6, Ollies Girls 1
Men's B: Ollies 10, Muckens 2
Men's D: American Legion 20, VAC 5

Youth Leagues
Rutland County Junior League
Post 31 8, Brandon 3. Winning pitcher: Colin Temple. Hitting stars: Temple, Dan Fitzgerald.
Fair Haven 17, Poultny 6. Winning pitcher: Aaron Ruby. Hitting stars: Nick Rice, Jake Adams, Scott Jackson and Seth Bourn with a home run.
Rutland Town 6, Arlington 3. Winning pitcher: Macky McLeod. Hitting stars: Greg Lewis and Bobby Williamson.
Rutland City Midget League
Kiwans 15, K of C 7. Winning pitcher: Mike Kimball. Hitting stars: Matt Hill and Nick Merritt.

West Rutland Boys Baseball
Orleans 12, Yankees 3. Winning pitcher: Chris Johnson. Hitting stars: team effort.
Braves 23, Pirates 10. Winning pitcher: Matt Razanowski. Hitting stars: Joshua Gregg, Ryan Scott and Justin O'Rourke.

Thursday's Games

Golf
Vermont Amateur at Barre (36 holes)
Legion Baseball
All Games 6 p.m.
Rutland at Bennington
Fair Haven at Brattleboro
Windsor vs. Hartford at Woodstock
Montpelier at South Burlington
Barre at South Royalton
Addison at Waterbury

Rutland Adult Softball
Women's A: Two Sheas vs. Roadrunners, JFC, 6:30 p.m.
Women's B: Jillies Jags vs. Red Moon Saloon, MSd, 6:30 p.m.
Women's C: Andreas's West Rutland Pizza vs. Courcelle's Flowers Shop, MN, 6:30 p.m.
Men's B: Jillies Renegades vs. Cass Pub/Carey's Auto, GIO, 6:30 p.m.
Men's B: Vitoz vs. Nailors, MS, 7:50 p.m.
Men's C: C/J's/Timbers Edge vs. Saloonatics, MS, 9:15 p.m.
Men's D: Buccaneers vs. Pizza Delight, MS 6:30 p.m.

Concert

Rutland, Woods Tea Company performs concert in Main Street Park, 7-9 p.m.

Noon Tunes

Rutland, Downtown Brass performs concert at Depot Park, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Thursday's Results

American Legion Baseball
Bennington 13, Chester 9 (suspended in 7th)
Rutland 10, Windsor 8
Rutland Adult Softball
Men's B: Palms 28, Vitoz 15
Men's C: Magoos 11, Phillips & Son 3
Men's D: Ollies 15, Ollies II 11
Women's B: B&G Garage 4, Cass Pub 2

Friday's Events

Twin-State Softball
At Plymouth State College
Single game, 7 p.m.
Rutland vs. South Burlington at Dorset Park, 6 p.m.

Youth Leagues
Central Vermont Softball
Rutland Rebels 14, Poultny 4. Winning pitcher: Danielle Hendee. Save: Danielle Pulsifer. Hitting stars: Lauren Layn, Kirsten Wing, Betsy Harlow, Hendee and Nikki Lamontagne.
Junior Babe Ruth
Arlington 9, Rutland Expos 3. Winning pitcher: Ryan Cozmesia. Hitting/field star: Kyle Crofut.

Senior Babe Ruth
Ludlow 10, Rutland VFW 9. Pitching stars: Asher Ellis and Josh Rose. Hitting stars: Andrew Arlund and Joe Burns.
Rutland Town 7, Manchester 4. Winning pitcher: Seth Wilson. Save: Kyle Wilson. Hitting star: Mike Fredette.

Rutland Midget League
Kiwans 15, Rutland Fuel 5. Winning pitcher: Mike Kimball. Hitting stars: Ty Terry and Ian Doherty.

Twin-State Softball
At Plymouth State College
Doubleheader starting at noon

Youth Leagues
Senior Babe Ruth
Poultny 5, Mill River 3 (Thursday night). Winning pitcher: Wendell Amorin. Hitting stars: Team effort. Defensive star: Jason Yodnicki.

Baseball Camp

The Rutland City Baseball Camp will be held July 5-8 at the Meadow Street fields from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The camp is for players ages 9-12 and is under the direction of Stan Blicharz and Rutland High varsity coach Kevin Bellomo.

For more information, call the Rutland Recreation Department.

Monday's Games

New York
Men's B: Vitoz vs. Cass's Pub/Carey's, MF, 6:30 p.m.
Women's A: Two Sheas vs. Jillies, MS, 7:50 p.m.
Women's B: Tapas vs. Jillies Jags, MN, 6:30 p.m.
Women's C: Comfort Inn vs. Andreas's Pizza, GIO, 6:30 p.m.
Men's D: American Legion vs. Buccaneers, MS, 9:15 p.m.
Men's C: Brownstone/Ski Door vs.

Big Band Music

The Rutland Historical Society summer big band dance series will feature the music of Sammy Kaye and Louis Armstrong Friday, July 16, at the Godnick Adult Center off Deer Street. The program runs from 7 to 9 p.m. All are welcome and admission is free.

Worth Holding Your Breath For



Mandy LaPlante of Rutland beat the heat last weekend by doing her mermaid imitation at White Pool in Rutland. Temperatures soared past 90 with high humidity Saturday.

Staff Photo by Albert J. Marro

Tuesday's Results

American Legion
Rutland 8, Bellows Falls 2
Hartford 12, Windsor 10

Midget League
Eks 14, IAFF 6. WP - Colin Vero-Cassavant. Hitting Stars - Team Effort.

Girls' Softball
Rutland Rebels 7, Rutland Royals 2. Winning Pitcher - Danielle Hendee. Save - Kirstin Wing. Hitting Stars - Hendee, Wing and Amanda Godette.

Senior Babe Ruth
Manchester 8, Mill River 2. Winning Pitcher - Nelson Harmon. Hitting Stars - Team Effort.
Ludlow 10, Poultny 8. WP - Josh Rose. Save - Asher Ellis. Hitting Stars - Team Effort.

Rutland Adult Softball
Men's B: Ollies 26, Jillies Renegades 14
Men's C: Jillies Devils 21, C/J's/Timbers Edge 14
Men's C: Dart Dragons 12, Saloonatics 9
Women's A: Jillies Roadrunners 19, Friars/Max Subs 3

Wednesday's Results

Rutland Adult Softball
Men's A: Dart Mart 16, Parker's 4
Men's B: Jillies 15, Palms 14
Women's C: Jillies II 14, Jillies Sports Bar 3

Thursday's Events

American Legion
(Games 6 p.m. Unless Noted)
Bellows Falls at Brattleboro
Bennington at Chester
Windsor at Fair Haven
Rutland at Hartford
Waterbury at Addison County
Colchester at Barre
South Burlington at Montpelier
Rutland Adult Softball
Men's A: Keith's II/Jillies vs. Jillies's Gio
Men's B: Olliewood vs. Muckenschnabel's MF
Men's C: Brownstone/Ski Door vs. Ollies II, MS, 7:50 p.m.
Men's C: Magoos vs. 3D's, MS, JFC
Men's D: All Lines vs. Pizza Delight, MS, 9:15 p.m.
Women's B: JJ/Palms vs. Red Moon Saloon, MN
Women's C: Ollies Girls vs. Ryan, Smith & Carbine, MS, 6:30 p.m.

Band Concert

Rutland, The 94th Army Band performs a wide variety of music in Main Street Park, 7-9 p.m., free and open to the public.

Rutland Historical Society

Tai Chi Classes Start on July 22

The summer session of Tai Chi starts July 22 and goes through Aug. 26.

Classes are on Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Dana Recreation Center.

This program will teach the Yang style of Tai Chi. This is a great way to relax the body and strengthen the mind.

The program is open to adults.

The cost of the program is \$27 for residents, \$34 for non-residents.

Sign up at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St.

Recreation Programs Are Top-Notch

I want to publicly thank and congratulate the Rutland Recreation Department for their wonderful programs. Even though my family lives in Shrewsbury, we are allowed, with a surcharge, to participate in these programs. My sons have competed in the spring and fall soccer programs, including the spectacular end-of-season tournament.

Last summer they participated in a number of the weeklong camps organized through the Zero Gravity park and plan to do so again. All of these programs have been top-notch. The staff people have been great, knowledgeable and caring. I cannot say enough for the programs or the staff. Thank you all.

ADRIENNE L. RAYMOND
Shrewsbury

Thursday's Results

Rutland Adult Softball

Men's B: Nallers 18, Viloz 13

Men's C: Cass' Pub/Carrey's 17, Jilly's

Renegades 14

Women's A: Road Runners 7, Two

Sheds 6

Women's B: Red Moon 16, Jilly's Jags

2

Women's C: Courcelle's 11, Andrea's

10

Rutland Midget League

Rutland Fuel 12, Rutland Elks 10, WP

- Shawn McGraw, Hitting Stars - Team

effort.

Junior Babe Ruth

Post 31 6, West Rutland 4, WP - Joel

Nelson, Hitting Stars - Nelson, Colin

Temple and Seth Bride

Senior League

Rutland Town 10, Poutney 2, WP -

Mike Fredette, Hitting Stars - Kyle

Wilson, Sam Fucile, Dennis Duby and

Seth Wilson (home run).

Manchester 15, Rutland VFW 5, WP -

Nelson Harmon, Hitting Stars - Team

effort.

Friday

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Party Bridge

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Staff Photos by Albert J. Marro

ite Pool in Rutland recently. Three-year-old Michael Santana (far right) sends one of his

Plunging into Summer



Amy LaFrancis, Amanda Phelps and Shawna Crickmore (left to right) do a triple jump at Wt sponge airplanes into a nosedive in Depot Park.

Friday Results

Adult Softball
Men's B: Palm's 13, Mr. C's/Midas 10
Men's C: Magoos 8, Olives II 6
Men's D: Jilly's/Gibrones 24, Shuckers 12

Youth Leagues

Rutland County Jr. Babe Ruth
Rutland Town 18, Brandon 6. Winning pitcher: Mike Fredette. Hitting stars: Rick Sharp, Sean Grabowski.

Rutland City Midget League
IAFF 16, K of C 4. Winning pitcher: Andrew Barber. Hitting star: Pat See, Matt Williams.

Wednesday, July 21

Concert

Rutland, The Unknown Blues Band performs at Main Street Park, 7-9 p.m.

Party Bridge

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Friday, July 23

Party Bridge

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Youth Leagues

Rutland County Jr. League
Rutland Rotary Expos 12, Poutney 9. Winning pitcher: Tom Masse. Hitting stars: Kyle Bedard and Mike Pratt.
West Rutland 15, Fair haven 6. Winning pitcher: Jason Lincoln. Hitting: Team effort.
Rutland County Sr. League
Poutney 11, Rutland VFW 9. Winning pitcher: Andrew Pettis. Hitting star: Mike Jones.

Today

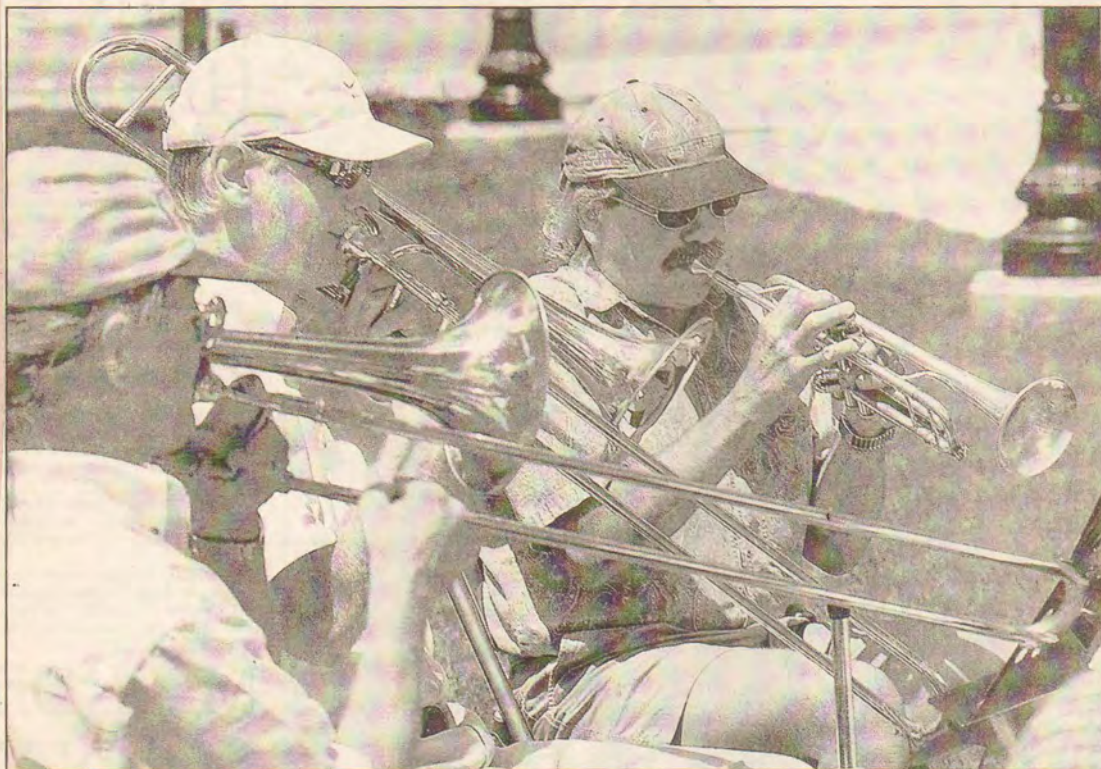
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Friday, July 9, 1999

All That Brass



Staff Photo by Albert J. Marro

The Downtown Brass performs Wednesday afternoon at "Noon Tunes" at Depot Park in downtown Rutland. The weekly musical adventure is sponsored by the Downtown Rutland Partnership and runs through September. Band members are (left to right) Rick Aubin, Paul Sutherland, Dave McKenzie and Dr. Greg Ellis (not pictured).

THINGS TO DO

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome. Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853.

Noon Tunes

Rutland, Rick Redington performs noon concert in Depot Park, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Big Band Dance

Rutland, The Rutland Historical Society's summer big band dance series features the music of Guy Lombardo and Art Mooney at the Godnick Adult Center, off Deer Street, 7-9 p.m., both dancers and listeners welcome, free admission.

Concert

Rutland, The Unknown Blues Band performs at Main Street Park, 7-9 p.m.

Youth Leagues

Rutland County Jr. League Baseball
Ludlow 11, Rutland VFW 5. Winning pitcher: Asher Ellis. Hitting stars: Chris Simon (home run), Jeff Palmer, Pat Melvin and Josh Rose.

Youth Leagues

Rutland County Senior League
Rutland Town 14, Mill River 9. Winning Pitcher: Mike Fredette. Hitting stars: Seth Wilson, Kyle Wilson, Sam Fucile and Fredette.

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Depot Park Concert

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ORGANIZATIONS

Duplicate Bridge

Rutland, Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Godnick Center, Deer Street, 7:15 p.m., for information call Pierce Smith at 775-4857 or James Thomas at 273-2075, novice game, new players welcome.

Preschool Classes Will Start Sept. 7 ¹²⁰

The Rutland Recreation Department reminds parents that their Fall Preschool Program will begin Sept. 7. The 4-year-old class has only one opening and there are limited openings in the age 3 division. A child must turn 3 or 4 respectively by Sept. 1.

The Rotary Preschool program with Jane Brown and Joan McIntosh, has an excellent reputation for helping children to develop readiness skills for kindergarten while developing a positive attitude toward school. Children will be involved in games, songs, stories, projects and more.

The 3-year-old program is held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, while the 4-year-old program is held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Registration is on-going weekdays at the Dana Recreation Center from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Call the Recreation Department for fee information at 773-1822.

Drinking Fountain Needed at Park ¹²⁰

As lifetime city residents and since we are frequently attending the Sunday night band concerts, we are at a loss to understand why the city of Rutland has no public drinking fountain in our Main Street Park.

Yes, we have an information booth for travelers and tourists to give information to our visitors, but can you imagine not having a drinking fountain in a public park in the second largest city in Vermont?

My wife and I have two grandchildren playing in the Rutland City Band on Sunday nights this year, and during the intermission these students and band members and the general public can't even find a drinking fountain in the park to get a drink of water. To make matters worse, there is no more Roxie's wagon or other concession stand anywhere bordering the park to purchase a soda to quench their thirst.

We had a public drinking fountain for many years there, but through vandalism it was broken and has never been replaced. We have a drinking fountain at River Street and Meadow playgrounds and at the recreation park and playground on Meadow Street, but not one for the visitors and general public and band members at Main Street Park.

Is it too much to ask the city officials and public works water department to remedy this situation this year so we and the city band members can at least get a drink of water during their intermission from playing on Sunday nights in the park?

It's very unusual not to have a fountain at this location for everyone, and so I decided to write this letter to the Herald to express our displeasure with this situation and see if we can get some results.

WALTER E. PATRICK
Rutland

Adult Softball

Wednesday's Results
Men's B: Vitor, Ollie's
Women's A: Road Runners 11, C's 4
Women's B: Cass Rub, Jilly's Jags
Women's C: Jilly's II, 8 Andrea's Pizza

¹²⁰ Men's C: Magos, Tyler's Team
Men's C: Feds 7, Ollie's 10
Men's D: Jillys Gibrones 16, All Lines 15
Thursday's Games
Men's A: Dart Mart vs. Parker's Classic, Gio, 6:30 p.m.
Men's B: Muckenschnabel's vs. Jilly's, JFC, JFC, 6:30 p.m.
Women's A: Wayne's Auto Body vs. Two Sheas, MS, 6:30 p.m.
Women's B: Zemo's vs. Tapas, MS, 9:15 p.m.
Women's C: Jilly's Sport Bar vs. Comfort Inn, MN, 6:30 p.m.
Men's D: Two Sheas vs. Buccaneers, MF, 6:30 p.m.

Swing Band Will Play in Depot Park

The Propellers, a popular swing band, will perform their driving dance tunes and soulful ballads from the '30s and '40s Friday, July 23, from 7 to 9 p.m. in downtown Rutland's Depot Park.

The concert is the second in The Concerts in Depot Park series.

This free concert will take place under a tent and concert-goers are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket.

For more information, call Lori Slack at Downtown Rutland Partnership at 773-9380.

Noon Concert ²³

Rutland, Catamount Brass performs concert in Depot Park, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853.

Monday's Results

⁸³ Rutland Adult Softball
Men's B: Muckenschnabel's 16, Vytos 3
Men's B: Jilly's Rongades del Jilly's (NS)
Women's C: Ollie's Girls 30, Minter Bros. 14
Women's C: Jilly's Sports Bar 17, Andrea's Pizza 7

Friday

THINGS TO DO

Party Bridge

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Wednesday's Results

Rutland Adult Softball
Men's B: Palms vs. Cass Pub/Carey's, MS, 9:15 p.m.
Men's C: C's/Commercial Tire vs. 3D's, JFC
Men's C: Ollie's II 15, Frier's 3
Men's D: Buccaneers 12, VAC 10
Women's A: Jilly's II 11, Wayne's, Auto Body 5
Women's B: Zemo's vs. J&J Palms, MS, 7:50 p.m.
Women's C: Ollie's Girls 11, Andrea's Pizza 0

Rutland Youth Baseball Junior Babe Ruth

Rutland Rotary Expos 7, Rutland Post 31 5. Winning Pitcher: Nate Graham. Hitting Stars: Mike Pratt, Shawn Horvath and Rick Fredette.
West Rutland 16, Manchester 5. Winning Pitcher: Mark Poljack. Hitting: Team effort.
Fair Haven 19, Brandon 17. Winning Pitcher: Jake Adams. Hitting: Team effort.

Southern Vt. Girls Softball Playoffs
Rutland Rebels 9, Otter Valley 4. Winning pitcher: Danielle Hendee. Star players: Danielle Pulsipher, Briana Coombs and Adrienne Courcelle.

Thursday's Events

Rutland Adult Softball
Men's B: Nailers vs. Jilly's, MS, 9:15 p.m.
Women's A: Two Sheas vs. Frier's/Maxie's, Gio
Women's B: B&G Garage vs. Jilly's Jags, MS, 7:50 p.m.
Women's C: Comfort Inn vs. Ryan, Smith & Carbine, MN
Men's C: C's/Timber's Edge vs. Phillips & Sons, JFC
Men's C: Dart Dragons vs. 3D's MF
Men's D: Jilly's Gibrones vs. American Legion, MS, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday

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Thursday's Events

Rutland Adult Softball
Women's A: Frier's/Maxie's 15, Two Sheas 5
Men's C: Phillips & Sons 9, C's/Timber's Edge 8

Friday's Events

Rutland Adult Softball
Men's A: Brownstone Tavern vs. Dart Mart, MF
Men's C: Red Moon Saloon vs. Dart Dragons, JFC
Men's C: Salooncats vs. Jilly's Devils, MS, 6:30 p.m.
Women's B: Tapas vs. BRP/Jilly's, MS, 7:50 p.m.

Youth Leagues

Rutland County Senior League
Rutland Town 9, VFW 3. Winning pitcher: Kyle Wilson. Hitting stars: Greg Walcott and Dan Riter.
Ludlow 15, Poultney 2. Winning pitcher: Asher Elie. Hitting stars: Jeff Palmer, Chris Simon and Pat Melvin.
Manchester 7, Mill River 5. Winning pitcher: Rick Dailey. Hitting stars: Vinnie Bushee and Chris Kelley.

Rutland County Junior League
Arlington 15, Granville 6. Winning pitcher: Jake Claro. Hitting Stars: Team effort.
Arlington 7, West Rutland 4. Winning pitcher: Ryan Ciszmesia. Hitting stars: Lee Chubert.

ORGANIZATIONS

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Hershey Awards

¹²¹ The Rutland Recreation Department has received the awards for the participants from Rutland City who performed at the Hershey Track Meet in Burlington. Participants can pick up the awards at the recreation office.

Special recognition goes to Neiman Groce for finishing first in the 100 meters and 200-meter races and to Kathleen Sanborn who placed second in the standing long jump.

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Swing Band Will Play in City Park ⁸³

As part of the Rutland Recreation Department's Seven to Sunset series, John Sabatasso and the Marble City Swing Band will perform in the Main Street Park on Wednesday, Aug. 4, from 7 to 9 p.m.

The concert is free and open to the public. Bathrooms will be available at the Evergreen Center, 7 Court Square.

Tuesday's Results

Rutland Adult Softball
Men's A: Dart Mart 20, Jilly's 11
Women's C: Minter's 17, Jilly's Sports Bar 14
Men's C: Brownstone/Ski Door 11, Tyler's Team 8
Men's D: Shuckers 15, All Lines 14

Wednesday's Events

Rutland Adult Softball
Men's B: Palms vs. Cass Pub/Carey's, MS, 9:15 p.m.
Men's C: C's/Commercial Tire vs. 3D's, JFC
Men's C: Frier's vs. Ollie's II, MF
Men's D: VAC vs. Buccaneers, MS, 6:30 p.m.
Women's A: Road Runners vs. Wayne's, Gio
Women's B: Zemo's vs. J&J Palms, MS, 7:50 p.m.
Women's C: Ollie's Girls vs. Andrea's Pizza, MN

Youth Leagues

¹²⁸ **Rutland County Jr. League**
Brandon-Pittsford 9, Castleton 7. Winning pitcher: Scott Quenneville. Hitting star: Steven Keith.
Fair Haven 13, Arlington 7. Winning pitcher: Dustin Cummings. Hitting stars: team effort.

Senior Babe Ruth
Poultney 7, Rutland Town 4. Winning pitcher: Wendell Amerio. Hitting stars: Jason Rudnicki.
Manchester 7, Rutland VFW 2. Winning pitcher: Rob Giatt. Hitting stars: Team effort.
Mill River 12, Ludlow 11. Winning pitcher: Chris Williams. Hitting stars: Team effort.

Tuesday's Results

Rutland Adult Softball
Men's D: Ollie's 7, Palms 0
Men's C: C's/Timber's Edge 20, Ollie's II 13
Women's C: Ryan, Smith & Carbine 12, Courcelle's 3

Youth Leagues

⁸⁴ **Senior Babe Ruth**
Rutland Town 20, Mill River 4. Winning pitcher: Mike Fredette. Hitting stars: Sam Fucile, Dan Rider, Dennis Duby and Kyle Wilson.
Rutland VFW 10, Ludlow 4. Winning pitcher: Jesse Lawrence. Hitting stars: Lawrence, Matt Sarault, Joe Stukus and Tyler Doolan.

On the Edge



Colleen Levins, 3, of Rutland gets ready to join her friends in White Pool in Rutland.

Staff Photo by Christian Wideawake

Noon Tunes 7-28
Rutland, Woodchuck's Revenge performs concert at Depot Park, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Concert 7-28
Rutland, Al Alessi and Band perform concert in Main Street Park, 7-9 p.m.

Tai Chi

The Rutland Recreation Department is offering two classes of Tai Chi this fall. The program will teach the Yang style of Tai Chi.

Students will learn the postures and practice the principles to ultimately begin "push hands." Allowing the students to use what they have learned.

The deadline for the session is Sept. 2 and its is open to all adults.

Rec Soccer

The Rutland Recreation Department is again offering fall soccer programs for children ages 4-12. The U4, U6 and U8 are Saturday morning instruction programs. U10 and U12 are team programs that follow a practice and game schedule.

Sign up is going on at the Dana Recreation Center and the deadline for signing up is Aug. 26.

Sanders to Hold Seniors Meeting

Rep. Bernard Sanders, I-Vt., will hold a Congressional Town Meeting on Senior Issues next week.

The meeting will be held Wednesday, Aug. 11, at 1 p.m. at the Godnick Adult Center on Deer Street in Rutland.

Sanders will be joined by local senior advocates to discuss the cost of prescription drugs and Social Security and Medicare. The public can comment and ask questions.

Anyone with questions should call Phil Fiermonte in Sanders' office in Burlington at (800) 339-9834.

'Seven to Sunset' Concert on Aug. 11

The "Seven to Sunset" concert series in Main Street Park will feature The East Bay Jazz Ensemble on Wednesday, Aug. 11.

The event is sponsored by the Rutland City Rotary Club, and is free and open to the public.

The Rotary asks the public to bring unused musical instruments to the concert. The instruments will be refurbished and used to expand student musical programs.

If you need a Rotarian to pick up an instrument, call Terry Moran at 773-2567 or Dick Rohe at 775-9500.

Friday's Results

Rutland Adult Softball
Men's A: Keith's II, Jilly's 12, Brownstone 9
Men's C: Magoo's 24, Olie's 19
Women's B: Cass' Pub 10, Tapas 9
Junior Babe Ruth
Rutland Rotary Expos 21, Post 31 3
Winning Pitcher: Nate Graham. Hitting Stars: Team Effort.
Rutland Town 11, Brandon 7. Winning Pitcher: Greg Lewis. Hitting Stars: Mike Fredette, Mackey McLeod and Anthony Bacon.

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Rutland Adult Softball
Men's B: Nailers 13, Cass Pub/Carey's Auto 11
Men's C: 3D 17, Friar's 4
Men's C: CJ's/Commercial Tire 7, Tyler's Team 3
Men's D: Pizza Delight 22, Gilly's/Gibrones 6
Women's C: Jilly's II 14, Comfort Inn 8

Youth Leagues

Rutland County Jr. League
Brandon-Pittsford 12, Poutiney 9.
Winning pitcher: Kevin O'Connell.
Defensive star: Josh Bradish.

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Art in the Park

Rutland, The Chaffee Center for the Visual Arts presents the 38th annual Art in the Park in Main Street Park, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; juried fine artists, craftspeople, food and music, Aug. 7, 8, admission by donation, for information call 775-0356.

Thursday's Results

Rutland Adult Softball
Men's A: Jilly's 7, Parker's 0
Men's B: Oliewood 11, Mr. C/Midas 5
Men's C: Brownstone Tavern/Ski Door 17, Feds 14
Women's A: Two Sheas 14, CJ's 9

Friday's Events

American Legion
State Championship at Fair Haven (Game One of Best-of-Three Series)

Essex vs. Brattleboro, 4 p.m.

Rutland Adult Softball
Men's A: Brownstone Tavern vs. Keith's II/Jilly's JFC
Women's B: Tapas vs. Cas Pub, MS, 7:30 p.m.
Men's C: Magoo's vs. Olie's I/MS, 6:15 p.m.

Youth Leagues
Junior Babe Ruth Playoffs

Fair Haven 9, West Rutland 6. Winning pitcher: Larry Canfield. Hitting stars: Team effort.

Senior Babe Ruth Playoffs

Rutland Town 16, Poutiney 5. Winning pitcher: Kyle Wilson. Hitting stars: Seth Wilson, Mike Fredette, Sam Fucile and Dan Rider.

Manchester 12, Rutland VFW 6. Winning pitcher: Rick Dailey. Hitting stars: Chris Kelly and Gus Pabst.

Band Concert

Rutland, East Bay Jazz Ensemble performs in Main Street Park, 7-9 p.m.

Noon Concert

Rutland, Munday/Peterson performs concert in Depot Park, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Monday's Results

Rutland Adult Softball
Men's B: Oliewood 16, Palms 3.
Women's A: Two Sheas 15, Road Runners 12
Men's C: Red Moon Saloon vs. Jilly's Devils.
Men's C: Phillips & Sons 21, Saloonatics 9
Men's D: Two Sheas 16, Jilly's/Gibrones 3

Tuesday's Events

Tuesday's Games
Rutland Adult Softball
Men's B: Jilly's Renegades vs. Viloz, MS, 7:30 p.m.
Women's A: Wayne's vs. Jilly's, JFC
Women's B: Red Moon Saloon vs. Tapas, MN, 6:15 p.m.
Women's C: Coppel's Flower Shop vs. Comfort Inn, MS, 6:15 p.m.
Men's C: Dart Dragons vs. Olie's II, MS, 9 p.m.
Men's C: CJ/Timbers Edge vs. 3D's, MF, 6:15 p.m.
Men's D: Pizza Delight vs. American Legion, Gio, 6:15 p.m.

Youth Leagues

Rutland County Jr. League Playoffs Semifinals

Rutland Town 9, Rutland Expos 8. Winning Pitcher: Mike Fredette. Hitting stars: Fredette, Mackey McLeod and Greg Lewis.
Arlington 6, Fair Haven 5. Winning Pitcher: Ryan Caszmesia. Fielding stars: Glenn Sherman and Joe O'Gorman.

Different Strokes



Staff Photo by Albert J. Marro

Members of the Rutland swim team pose at White Pool before practicing for this weekend's state meet at Middlebury College. The team, which recently won the Southern Vermont League Championship, is coached by Melissa Patterson and Barb Marshall.

Discount Tickets For Great Escape

The Rutland Recreation Department is offering Great Escape tickets at a discounted price.

The price for people over 48 inches tall is \$20.25, a savings of \$5.74 per ticket. When you have a discounted ticket, you don't have to wait in line, just go to either end gate.

The price at the gate is \$25.99 per person over 48 inches and \$18.99 for a person under 48 inches, children under 2 are free and senior citizens (55 and up) are \$17.99. These tickets can be purchased at the Park.

Prices are good from Memorial Day through September.

The tickets are also good for a second consecutive day if on your way out of the park at the end of the day you stop at the ticket window and show them their VRPA ticket stub.

You will then be able to purchase the second part of a two consecutive day ticket for \$7.

Fall Pre-School Program Starting

Rutland Recreation Department would like to remind parents their Fall Pre-School Program begins Sept. 7.

There are limited openings in both the 3-and 4-year-old divisions. A child must turn 3 or 4 respectively by Sept. 1.

The "Rotary Pre-School" program with Jane Brown and Joan McIntosh, has an excellent reputation for helping children to develop readiness skills for kindergarten while developing a positive attitude towards school. Children will be involved in games, songs, stories, projects and more.

The 3-year-old program is held Tuesday and Thursday mornings, while

What A Racket



Staff Photo by Christian Wideawake

Mark Nechols, 10, of Rutland plays tennis at White Playground recently.

Adult Softball

Rutland Adult Softball
Playoff Schedules
By League **818**
Women's A
(All Games 6:15 p.m. unless indicated)

Game 1: Jilly's vs. Wayne's, Thursday, MS 7:30 p.m.
Game 2: C.J's vs. Two Sheas, Thursday, MS 6:15 p.m.
Game 3: Winner Game 1 vs. Roadrunners, Friday MS 6:15 p.m.
Game 4: Winner Game 2 vs. Friar's/Max Subs, Friday, JFC
Game 5: Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4, Monday (8-23), MF

Women's B
Game 1: B&G Garage vs. Jilly's Jags, Wednesday, MN
Game 2: Tapa's vs. Cass' Pub, Wednesday, Rot
Game 3: BRP/Jilly's 13, Zemos 5
Game 4: J&J Palms 13, Red Moon 12
Game 5: Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2, Monday, MN
Game 6: BRP/Jilly's vs. J&J Palms 4, Monday, Rot
Game 7: Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6, Tuesday, Gio

Women's C
Game 1: Ollie's Girls vs. Andrea's Pizza, Friday, MN
Game 2: Jilly's II vs. Ryan, Smith & Carbine, Thursday, Rot
Game 3: Mintzer's vs. Jilly's Sports Bar, Thursday, MN
Game 4: Comfort Inn vs. Coucelle's, Friday, Rot
Game 5: Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2, Tuesday, MN
Game 6: Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4, Tuesday, Rot
Game 7: Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6, Thursday, MF

Men's A
Game 1: Jilly's vs. Parker's, Wednesday, Gio
Game 2: Winner Game 1 vs. Dart Mart, Tuesday (8-24), MF
Game 3: Brownstone vs. Keith's II/Jilly's, Tuesday (8-24), JFC
Game 4: Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 2, Wednesday (8-23), JFC

Men's B
Game 1: Palm's vs. Mr. C's/Midas, Friday, MS 7:30 p.m.
Game 2: Jilly's Renegades vs. Vitoz, Friday, MS 8:40 p.m.
Game 3: Winner Game 1 vs. Ollie's, Monday (8-23), MS 6:15 p.m.
Game 4: Jilly's vs. Mucks, Monday (8-23), MS 7:30 p.m.
Game 5: Winner Game 2 vs. Olliewood, Monday (8/23), MS 8:40 p.m.
Game 6: Nailers vs. Cass' Pub/Carey's, Monday (8/23), Gio
Game 7: Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4, Wednesday (8-25), MS 6:15 p.m.
Game 8: Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6, Wednesday (8-25), MS 7:30 p.m.
Game 9: Winner Game 7 vs. Winner Game 8, Thursday (8-26), JFC

Men's C
Game 1: Jilly's Devils 12, Dart Dragons 7
Game 2: Red Moon 19, Tyler's Team 12
Game 3: Brownstone/Ski Door vs. C.J's/Timber's Edge, Tuesday, MS 8:40 p.m.
Game 4: Feds 20, Saloonatics 2
Game 5: 3D's 22, Ollie's II, 1
Game 6: Friar's 8, C.J's/Commercial Tire 7
Game 7: Phillips & Sons vs. Ollie's I, Wednesday, MS 8:40 p.m.
Game 8: Jilly's Devils vs. Mago's, Thursday, JFC
Game 9: Red Moon Saloon vs. Winner Game 3, Thursday, MF
Game 10: Feds vs. 3D's, Thursday, MS 8:40 p.m.
Game 11: Friar's vs. Winner Game 7, Thursday, Gio
Game 12: Winner Game 8 vs. Winner Game 9, Friday, Gio
Game 13: Winner Game 10 vs. Winner Game 11, Friday, MF
Game 14: Winner Game 12 vs. Winner Game 13, Monday (8/23), JFC

Men's D
Game 1: Pizza Delight vs. Jilly's/Gibone's, Wednesday, JFC
Game 2: Buccaneers vs. American Legion, Wednesday, MF
Game 3: Two Sheas vs. Shuckers, Wednesday, MS 7:30 p.m.
Game 4: VAC vs. All Lines, Wednesday, MS 6:15 p.m.
Game 5: Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2, Tuesday, MS 6:15 p.m.
Game 6: Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4, Tuesday, MS 7:30 p.m.
Game 7: Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6, Wednesday, MF

Adult Softball

Rutland Adult Softball
Playoff Schedules
By League
(Games 6:15 p.m. unless indicated)

Women's A
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Game 2: C.J's vs. Two Sheas, Thursday, MS 6:15 p.m.
Game 3: Winner Game 1 vs. Roadrunners, Friday MS 6:15 p.m.
Game 4: Winner Game 2 vs. Friar's/Max Subs, Friday, JFC
Game 5: Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4, Monday, JFC

Women's B
Game 1: B&G Garage vs. Jilly's Jags, Wednesday, MN
Game 2: Tapa's vs. Cass' Pub, Wednesday, Rot
Game 3: BRP/Jilly's vs. Zemos, Tuesday, MN
Game 4: Red Moon vs. J&J Palms, Tuesday, Rot
Game 5: Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2, Monday, MN
Game 6: Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4, Monday, Rot
Game 7: Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6, Tuesday, Gio

Women's C
Game 1: Ollie's Girls vs. Andrea's Pizza, Friday, MN
Game 2: Jilly's I vs. Ryan, Smith & Carbine, Thursday, Rot
Game 3: Mintzer's vs. Jilly's Sports Bar, Thursday, MN
Game 4: Comfort Inn vs. Coucelle's, Friday, Rot
Game 5: Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2, Tuesday, MN
Game 6: Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4, Tuesday, Rot
Game 7: Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6, Thursday, MF

Men's A
Game 1: Jilly's vs. Parker's, Wednesday, Gio
Game 2: Winner Game 1 vs. Dart Mart, Tuesday, MF
Game 3: Brownstone vs. Keith's II/Jilly's, Tuesday, JFC
Game 4: Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 2, Wednesday, JFC

Men's B
Game 1: Palm's vs. Mr. C's/Midas, Friday, MS 7:30 p.m.
Game 2: Jilly's Renegades vs. Vitoz, Friday, MS 8:40 p.m.
Game 3: Winner Game 1 vs. Ollie's, Monday (8/23), MS 6:15 p.m.
Game 4: Jilly's vs. Mucks, Monday (8/23), MS 7:30 p.m.
Game 5: Winner Game 2 vs. Olliewood, Monday (8/23), MS 8:40 p.m.
Game 6: Nailers vs. Cass' Pub/Carey's, Monday (8/23), Gio
Game 7: Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4, Wednesday, MS 6:15 p.m.
Game 8: Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6, Wednesday, MS 7:30 p.m.
Game 9: Winner Game 7 vs. Winner Game 8, Thursday, JFC

Men's C
Game 1: Jilly's Devils vs. Dart Dragons, Tuesday, MS 6:15 p.m.
Game 2: Red Moon vs. Tyler's Team, Tuesday, MS 7:30 p.m.
Game 3: Brownstone/Ski Door vs. C.J's/Timber's Edge, Tuesday, MS 8:40 p.m.
Game 4: Feds vs. Saloonatics, Tuesday, Gio
Game 5: 3D's vs. Ollie's II, Tuesday, MF
Game 6: C.J's/Commercial Tire vs. Friar's, Tuesday, JFC
Game 7: Phillips & Sons vs. Ollie's I, Wednesday, MS 7:30 p.m.
Game 8: Winner Game 1 vs. Mago's, Wednesday, JFC
Game 9: Winner Game 2 vs. Winner Game 3, Wednesday, MF
Game 10: Winner Game 4 vs. Winner Game 5, Wednesday, MS 7:30 p.m.
Game 11: Winner Game 6 vs. Winner Game 7, Wednesday, Gio
Game 12: Winner Game 8 vs. Winner Game 9, Thursday, Gio
Game 13: Winner Game 10 vs. Winner Game 11, Thursday, MF
Game 14: Winner Game 12 vs. Winner Game 13, Monday (8/23), JFC

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Game 5: Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2, Tuesday, MS 6:15 p.m.
Game 6: Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4, Tuesday, MS 7:30 p.m.
Game 7: Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6, Wednesday, MF

Softball Playoffs

Rutland Adult Softball
Playoff Schedules
By League
Women's A
(All Games 6:15 p.m. unless indicated)
Game 1: Jilly's vs. Wayne's, Thursday, MS 7:30 p.m.
Game 2: Two Sheas' 12, C's 11
Game 3: Winner Game 1 vs. Roadrunners, Friday MS 6:15 p.m.
Game 4: Two Sheas' vs. Friars/Max Subs, Friday, JFC
Game 5: Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4, Monday (8-23), MF

Women's B
Game 1: B&G Garage 15, Jilly's Jags 5
Game 2: Tapa's 6, Cass' Pub 3
Game 3: BRP/Jilly's 13, Zemos' 5
Game 4: J&J/Palms 13, Red Moon 12
Game 5: B&G Garage vs. Tapa's, Monday, MN
Game 6: BRP/Jilly's vs. J&J/Palms 4, Monday, Rot
Game 7: Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6, Tuesday, Gio

Women's C
Game 1: Ollie's Girls vs. Andrea's Pizza, Friday, MN
Game 2: Jilly's II 2, Ryan, Smith & Carbine 8
Game 3: Minter's 14, Jilly's Sports Bar 1
Game 4: Comfort Inn vs. Coucelle's, Friday, Rot
Game 5: Winner Game 1 vs. Jilly's II, Tuesday, MN
Game 6: Minter's vs. Winner Game 4, Tuesday, Rot
Game 7: Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6, Thursday, MF

Men's A
Game 1: Jilly's 16, Parker's 10
Game 2: Jilly's vs. Dart Mart, Tuesday (8-24), MF
Game 3: Brownstone vs. Keith's II/Jilly's, Tuesday (8-24), JFC
Game 4: Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 2, Wednesday (8-25), JFC

Men's B
Game 1: Palm's vs. Mr. C's/Midas, Friday, MS 7:30 p.m.
Game 2: Jilly's Renegades vs. Vitoz, Friday, MS 8:40 p.m.
Game 3: Winner Game 1 vs. Ollie's, Monday (8-23), MS 8:15 p.m.
Game 4: Jilly's vs. Mucks, Monday (8-23), MS 7:30 p.m.
Game 5: Winner Game 2 vs. Olliewood, Monday (8-23), MS 8:40 p.m.
Game 6: Nailers vs. Cass' Pub/Carey's, Monday (8-23), Gio
Game 7: Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4, Wednesday (8-25), MS 6:15 p.m.
Game 8: Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6, Wednesday (8-25), MS 7:30 p.m.
Game 9: Winner Game 7 vs. Winner Game 8, Thursday (8-26), JFC

Men's C
Game 8: Magoo's 8, Jilly's Devils 3
Game 9: Brownstone/Ski Door 8, Red Moon Saloon 7
Game 10: Feds vs. 3Ds, Thursday, MS 8:40 p.m.
Game 11: Friar's 16, Phillips & Sons 10
Game 12: Magoo's vs. Brownstone/Ski Door, Friday, Gio
Game 13: Winner Game 10 vs. Winner Game 11, Friday, MF
Game 14: Winner Game 12 vs. Winner Game 13, Monday (8/23), JFC

Men's D
Game 1: Pizza Delight 15, Jilly's/Gibron's 2
Game 2: Buccaneers vs. American Legion 7
Game 3: Two Sheas vs. Shuckers, Wednesday, MS 7:30 p.m.
Game 4: VAC 15, All Lines 3
Game 5: Pizza Delight vs. Buccaneers, Tuesday, MS 6:15 p.m.
Game 6: Winner Game 3 vs. VAC, Tuesday, MS 7:30 p.m.
Game 7: Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6, Wednesday, MF

Rutland Softball

Rutland Adult Softball
Playoff Schedules
By League
Women's A
(All Games 6:15 p.m. unless indicated)
Game 1: Jilly's 9, Wayne's 2
Game 2: Two Sheas' 12, C's 11
Game 3: Winner Game 1 vs. Roadrunners, Friday MS 6:15 p.m.
Game 4: Friar's/Max Subs 11, Two Sheas' 5
Game 5: Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4, Monday (8-23), MF

Women's B
Game 1: B&G Garage 15, Jilly's Jags 5
Game 2: Tapa's 6, Cass' Pub 3
Game 3: BRP/Jilly's 13, Zemos' 5
Game 4: J&J/Palms 13, Red Moon 12
Game 5: B&G Garage vs. Tapa's, Monday, MN
Game 6: BRP/Jilly's vs. J&J/Palms 4, Monday, Rot
Game 7: Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6, Tuesday, Gio

Women's C
Game 1: Ollie's Girls vs. Andrea's Pizza, Friday, MN
Game 2: Jilly's II 2, Ryan, Smith & Carbine 8
Game 3: Minter's 14, Jilly's Sports Bar 1
Game 4: Comfort Inn 16, Coucelle's 2
Game 5: Winner Game 1 vs. Jilly's II, Tuesday, MN
Game 6: Minter's vs. Winner Game 4, Tuesday, Rot
Game 7: Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6, Thursday, MF

Men's A
Game 1: Jilly's 16, Parker's 10
Game 2: Jilly's vs. Dart Mart, Tuesday (8-24), MF
Game 3: Brownstone vs. Keith's II/Jilly's, Tuesday (8-24), JFC
Game 4: Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 2, Wednesday (8-25), JFC

Men's B
Game 1: Palm's 8, Mr. C's/Midas 7
Game 2: Jilly's Renegades 7, Vitoz 0
Game 3: Winner Game 1 vs. Ollie's, Monday (8-23), MS 8:15 p.m.
Game 4: Jilly's vs. Mucks, Monday (8-23), MS 7:30 p.m.
Game 5: Winner Game 2 vs. Olliewood, Monday (8/23), MS 8:40 p.m.
Game 6: Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4, Wednesday (8-25), MS 6:15 p.m.
Game 7: Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6, Thursday (8-26), JFC

Men's C
Game 8: Magoo's 8, Jilly's Devils 3
Game 9: Brownstone/Ski Door 8, Red Moon Saloon 7
Game 10: Feds vs. 3Ds, Thursday, MS 8:40 p.m.
Game 11: Friar's 16, Phillips & Sons 10
Game 12: Magoo's vs. Brownstone/Ski Door, Friday, Gio
Game 13: Winner Game 10 vs. Winner Game 11, Friday, MF
Game 14: Winner Game 12 vs. Winner Game 13, Monday (8/23), JFC

Men's D
Game 1: Pizza Delight 15, Jilly's/Gibron's 2
Game 2: Buccaneers vs. American Legion 7
Game 3: Two Sheas vs. Shuckers, Wednesday, MS 7:30 p.m.
Game 4: VAC 15, All Lines 3
Game 5: Pizza Delight vs. Buccaneers, Tuesday, MS 6:15 p.m.
Game 6: Winner Game 3 vs. VAC, Tuesday, MS 7:30 p.m.
Game 7: Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6, Wednesday, MF

THINGS TO DO

Art in the Alley
Rutland, Artwork of various Vermont artists displayed and sold, Center Street Alley, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Gospel Concert
Rutland, Gospel concert in Main Street Park, features Tom Kriner of Middlebury and Skip Potter of Rutland, 7-9 p.m.

THINGS TO DO

Party Bridge
Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853.

Friday

THINGS TO DO

Party Bridge
Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853.

Saturday

THINGS TO DO

Art in the Alley
Rutland, See the artwork of various Vermont artists in an outdoor display and sale, Center Street Alley, behind Tapa's Restaurant, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Gospel Concert
Rutland, Gospel concert in Main Street Park, features Tom Kriner of Middlebury and Skip Potter of Rutland, 7-9 p.m.

ORGANIZATIONS

Duplicate Bridge
Rutland, Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Godnick Center, Deer Street, 7:15 p.m., for information call Pierce Smith at 775-4857 or James Thomas at 273-2075, novice game, new players welcome.

Noon Concert

Rutland, The Mike Sullivan Quartet performs in Depot Park, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Crowley Race Was Great Success

It has been two months since the Crowley Brothers Race. However, it is not too late to say thank you to those who made it a very safe and enjoyable day for the large number of runners and the small number of wheelchairs that took part.

Leif Dahlin, race director, and the Rutland Recreation Department did most of the planning. Helen Hill, chairwoman of the wheelchair division, did a great job running the entire distance as

a support person watching over the wheelchair people. Also, George Richards helped with traffic control and as a support person.

Wilcox Pharmacy helped with a loan of equipment. Al Fenton helped other racers who had equipment problems with their power chairs.

Thanks, also, to WSYB sports for promoting the race.

The Rutland Rotary volunteers and city police did a great job on traffic control.

Next year we hope to have a bigger and better race.

DAVE DICKINSON
Center Rutland

Rutland Adult Softball

Playoff Schedules
(All Games 6:15 p.m. unless indicated)
Women's C
Game 7: Comfort II vs. Ollie's Girls, Thursday, MF
Men's A
Game 4: Dart Mart 21, Brownstone Tavern 16
Men's B
Game 7: Ollie's 17, Muck's 15
Game 8: Olliewood 15, Cass's Pub/Carey's 9
Game 9: Olliewood vs. Ollie's, Thursday (8-25), JFC
Men's D
Game 7: VAC 14, Buccaneers 11

Rutland Softball

Playoff Schedules
By League
(All Games 6:15 p.m. unless indicated)
Women's B
Game 7: B&G Garage 9, BRP/Jilly's 6
Women's C
Game 5: Ollie's Girls 7, Jilly's II 5
Game 6: Comfort 13, Minter's 5
Game 7: Comfort II vs. Ollie's Girls, Thursday, MF

Men's A
Game 1: Jilly's 16, Parker's 10
Game 2: Dart Mart 28, Jilly's 5
Game 3: Brownstone 16, Keith's II/Jilly's 2
Game 4: Brownstone Tavern vs. Dart Mart, Wednesday, JFC

Men's B
Game 6: Cass' Pub/Carey's 15, Nailers 14
Game 7: Ollie's vs. Muck's, Tuesday (8-25), MS 6:15 p.m.
Game 8: Winner Game 5 vs. Cass's Pub/Carey's, Wednesday, MS 7:30 p.m.
Game 9: Winner Game 7 vs. Winner Game 8, Thursday, JFC

Men's D
Game 5: Buccaneers 6, Pizza Delight 5
Game 6: VAC 18, Two Sheas' 11
Game 7: VAC vs. Buccaneers, Wednesday, MF

Women's Nutrition, Wellness Program

The Rutland Recreation Department is offering Women's Nutrition and Wellness, which provides the latest research on foods that enhance women's health, and instruction for a strength-training program and aerobic program you will be able to practice at home.

Learn how to separate fact from fiction in the area of herbs, supplements and fat diets.

You will also be introduced to aromatherapy, yoga and stress-reduction techniques.

This program runs Wednesdays, Sept. 22 through Oct. 27, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Dana Recreation Center. The registration fee is \$65 for residents, \$72 for non-residents. The instructor is Mary Bilz.

Farmer's Market

Rutland, The 25th season of the Downtown Farmer's Market features Vermont produce, plants, crafts, baked goods and more, Depot Park, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853.

ORGANIZATIONS

Duplicate Bridge
Rutland, Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Godnick Center, Deer Street, 7:15 p.m., for information call Pierce Smith at 775-4857 or James Thomas at 273-2075, novice game, new players welcome.

Spaghetti Dinner Benefit Is Sept. 10

There will be a spaghetti dinner for Meals on Wheels and Interage Adult Day Care on Friday, Sept. 10, at the Godnick Center, 1 Deer St., Rutland.

Sittings are at 5, 6 and 7 p.m. The dinner is open to the public. Tickets are \$6 in advance, \$7 at the door. Call 775-0133 or 773-4719 for tickets.

Depot Park Concert
Rutland, Erica Wheeler performs concert in Depot Park, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Ballroom Dancing Starts in September

Starting in September, on the second Saturday of every month, from 8 p.m. to midnight, Rutland Ballroom Dance Club will transform the Dana gym into a dance floor.

The club is looking for members, but you don't have to be a member to come and dance. Yearly membership fee is \$10 per person, with an evening dance fee of \$5 per person or \$8 for non-members.

For more information, contact Jim Deering at 773-6971.

Tike Ball Starts In September

Rutland Recreation and Parks Department will sponsor "Tike Ball," a program set up for 4- and 5-year-olds.

Tike Ball is a combination of kickball and baseball. Your child will get to work on his or her motor skills while learning some basic baseball. The program will be held Wednesdays, Sept. 15 through Oct. 1. The resident fee for the five games is \$15; non-resident fee is \$22. There is a \$5 discount for registrations received by Sept. 1.

Volunteer coaches will be needed for this program. If you are interested in coaching, please contact the Dana Recreation office.

For further information call 773-1822.

Play Chess

Rutland, Play chess at Dana Recreation Center, 39 Center St., 7-9 p.m., free, all levels welcome.

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853.

Godnick Center Plans Three Trips

The Godnick Adult Center announced several bus trips and registration dates.

The first will be to "Anything Goes," with Gloria Loring at Proctor's Theater

786-5990 or 442-5436 to make your purchase. As I said last week, we will provide some bus transportation on a reservation basis from Rutland to Bennington so indicate your need when you call.

On another note, I'd like to encourage all who can to participate in the 1999 Memory Walk to help the Alzheimer's Association raise needed funds for vital programs and services such as held lines, support groups and educational events.

The Rutland Walk will be held Saturday, Sept. 18, at 10 a.m. beginning at Depot Park. To register call Sue Markowski at 775-3036.

Table Tennis

The Green Mountain Table Tennis Club will begin play for the 1999-2000 season in the near future. The Brandon Club will begin Oct. 4 at 7 p.m. and will be meeting periodically on Mondays through March at the Neshobe School. The Rutland club will begin play Sept. 29 at 7:15 p.m. and will meet most Wednesdays at the Rutland Recreation Department in the Dana School on East Center St.

The clubs at seeking new members at a cost of \$20 for adults and \$10 for those under 17. For further information, contact Ronald Lewis at 247-5913 or Peter Forshay at 773-1592.

Upcoming Programs Godnick Adult Center

The following programs will be held at the Godnick Adult Center on Deer Street in Rutland, Vermont.

- Reverse Mortgages - Do you need money for home repairs, back taxes, long term care insurance, pay off a mortgage or other debt or additional monthly income to live a little easier? To find out more about a reverse mortgage and how much you can qualify join James M. Dean on Thursday, September 9, at 10 a.m. here at the Godnick Center.

- Investing for Greater Income with Less Risk - with Lon Smith, an Investment Representative with Edward Jones on Tuesday, September 21 at 10:00 a.m. Learn about ways to increase your income with CDs, various types of bonds and mutual funds. Find out which options could be appropriate

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853.

Godnick Center Bus Trips

• **Harvey Korman and Tim Conway** with special guest star Louise DuArt at Proctor's Theater on Monday, November 1, at 8 p.m. Two legends of "The Carol Burnett Show" come together with one of America's greatest impressionists in an evening of nostalgic fun. Registration begins Monday, September 20, for city residents and Tuesday, September 21, for non-residents. The fee of \$62 includes transportation and the show. A dinner stop at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant is on your own. The bus departs the

Center at 3:30 p.m. and returns at approximately 12:30 a.m.

- **"Bright Nights"** on Wednesday, December 1, in Springfield, MA. We'll begin the trip with shopping at the Holyoke Mall and then on top the Marriott Hotel for dinner and "Broadway Salute to Christmas" featuring a six person ensemble bring the musical joy of the holiday season directly from the big apple: New York City. Following our dinner and entertainment we will enjoy the comfort of our bus as we enjoy

2 1/2 miles of magnificent lights displays with over 400,000 lights! The \$57 fee is payable at time of registration. Residents begin registering on Monday, October 4 and non-residents begin on Tuesday, October 5, at 9 a.m. The fee includes transportation, the show, dinner and Bright Nights at Forest Park. The bus leaves the center at 7:30 a.m. and returns at approximately 9:30 p.m.

- **Apple Picking Mini Van Trip** on Wednesday, September 15. The van will leave the Center at 12:30 p.m. Space is

Program Targets Women's Nutrition

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department is offering a "Women's Nutrition and Wellness Program" with Mary Bilz, that offers the latest research on foods that enhance women's health and includes instruction for a strength-training program and aerobic program you will be able to practice at home.

You will also be introduced to aromatherapy, yoga and stress-reduction techniques. This program runs Wednesdays, from Sept. 22 through Oct. 27, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Dana Recreation Center.

The registration fee is \$65 for residents, \$72 for non-residents.

Bridge Classes Start Sept. 23

The Godnick Adult Center is offering an eight-week bridge program to be taught by Irene Vignoe beginning Thursday, Sept. 23, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The Diamond Series on "Play of the Hand" will be taught. This is the second in the series and is for players who have taken the Club's series, or intermediate players who want to improve their play of the hand and review bidding.

The fee is \$25 for residents, \$31 for non-residents.

For more information call 773-1853.

Rotary Fall Pre-School Program

The Rutland City Recreation Department's Pre-School Program begins September 7. There are two openings in the 4-year-old program which is held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:30-1:30 a.m. The 3-year-old program has limited openings!

If you have a 4-year-old child, and would like to put him/her into the three-year-old group, please stop by our office for further information. The three-year-old program is held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30-11:30 a.m. The "Rotary Preschool program" with Jane Brown and Joan McIntosh has an excellent reputation for helping children to develop readiness skills for kindergarten while developing a positive attitude towards school.



limited so, register as soon as possible.

- **Mini Van Hike Trips** - The van leaves the Center at 9 a.m. and returns at 2 p.m. Bring a lunch and be sure to dress to suit the weather. Sturdy footwear is advisable, as some terrain may be rough. Also be prepared - bring bug spray. On September 17 our hike will be with Roma & Al Pulling to Grandpa's Knob.

Godnick Center 99 Offers Programs

The following programs will be held at the Godnick Adult Center on Deer Street.

Reverse Mortgages: Do you need money for home repairs, back taxes, long-term care insurance, pay off a mortgage or other debt? To find out more about a reverse mortgage and how much you can qualify for join James M. Dean Thursday, Sept. 9, at 10 a.m. at the Godnick Center.

Investing for Greater Income With Less Risk: Lon Smith, an investment representative with Edward Jones, will offer this program on Tuesday, Sept. 21, at 10 a.m. Learn about ways to increase your income with CDs, various types of bonds and mutual funds. Find out which options could be appropriate for you.

Putting Medical Decisions in Perspective: Ellen Prior, a registered nurse from Rutland Regional Medical Center, presents this program Tuesday, Sept. 28, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Join an informal and informational dialogue focusing on medical decision-making surrounding end of life planning. Issues such as "Do Not Resuscitate" and "Advanced Directives" will help you deal with this difficult subject as well as open up communication with your physician and family. Bring a family member along.

Space Available For Hatha Yoga

The Rutland Recreation Department still has openings in the Hatha Yoga class with instructor Bob Holden.

The program will offer two sessions. Session I will run for eight weeks, today through Nov. 2. The fee is \$40 for residents, \$47 for non-residents.

Session II will run for six weeks, Nov. 9 through Dec. 14. The fee is \$30 for residents, \$37 for non-residents.

Both sessions run from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. Each class begins with a brief period of meditation, followed by warm-up exercises and the holding of yoga postures.

Both sessions are open to beginners and will also provide a challenge for those with previous knowledge of yoga postures.

Registration is ongoing at the Dana Recreation Center, weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Wellness Program Will Start Sept. 22

The Rutland Recreation Department is offering a "Women's Nutrition and Wellness Program" with Mary Bilz, offering the latest research on foods that enhance women's health and includes instruction for a strength-training program and aerobic program you will be able to practice at home.

You will also be introduced to aromatherapy, yoga and stress-reduction techniques.

This program runs Wednesdays, from Sept. 22 through Oct. 27, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Dana Recreation Center at 39 East Center St.

Registration fee is resident \$65, non-resident \$72.

Friday, Sept. 17

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, 773-1853.

9-11-99

'Energy Exercise' To Begin Soon 9/9

The Rutland Recreation Department is offering a unique, effective, easy series of non-aerobic movements with Carolyn Altieri, based on the idea that free-flowing energy creates vitality and health.

"Energy Exercise" can result in such health-building outcomes as increased flexibility and strength, physical and emotional tension release, improved digestion/elimination, deeper breathing, better posture, brighter outlook and more.

Bring a mat or blanket and wear comfortable clothing.

Classes will be held Mondays for six weeks, from Sept. 20 through Nov. 1. No class will be held Oct. 11.

Fees are \$25 for residents, \$32 for non-residents. There is a \$5 discount before Sept. 13.

Registration is ongoing at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., Rutland.

Office hours are weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Bridge Program At Godnick Center

The Godnick Adult Center is offering an eight-week bridge program by Irene Vignoe beginning Thursday, Sept. 23, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The Diamond Series on "Play of the Hand" will be taught. This is the second in the series and is for players who have taken the "Clubs" series, or intermediate players who want to improve their play of the hand and review bidding.

The fee is \$25 for residents, \$31 for non-residents.

For more information call 773-1853.

Play Chess

Rutland, Play chess at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., 7-9 p.m., free, all levels welcome.

Adult Aerobics Is Offered This Fall 9/10

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department is offering aerobics for adults this fall.

Instructors Susan Classen, Mary Lou Thompson and Jerilyn Valente will get you through this fall in great shape. Classes will be held at the Dana Recreation Center.

Adult classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 7 p.m., from Oct. 5 through Dec. 16.

Fees are \$42 for residents, \$49 for non-residents. A \$5 discount will be given through Sept. 24.

Registration is ongoing at the Dana Recreation Center, weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Ballroom Dance

Rutland, The Rutland Ballroom Dance Club will be held at the Godnick Adult Center, 1 Deer St., 7:30-11 p.m., singles and couples, dress is informal, dance lesson held from 8:30-9 p.m., club members \$5, non-club members \$8, dancers of all levels are welcome, 773-6971.

Thursday, Sept. 16

Play Chess

Rutland, Play chess at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., 7-9 p.m., free, all levels welcome.

9-17 Friday

THINGS TO DO

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853.

THINGS TO DO

Play Chess

Rutland, Play chess at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., 7-9 p.m., free, all levels welcome.

Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853.

ORGANIZATIONS

Duplicate Bridge

Rutland, Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Godnick Center, Deer Street, 7-15 p.m., for information call Pierce Smith at 775-4857 or James Thomas at 273-2075, novice game, new players welcome.

Ballroom Dancing Starts Sept. 11

Under the guidance and coordination of Jim Deering, the Rutland Ballroom Dance Club, a social ballroom dance club formed solely for the opportunity to enjoy social dancing, will meet Saturdays at the Godnick Adult Center, located at 1 Deer St., Rutland, from 7:30 to 11 p.m. on the following Saturdays: Sept. 11 and 25; Oct. 9 and 23; Nov. 13 and Dec. 11. There will be additional dates in 2000.

Dancers of all levels are welcome. Light refreshments are available.

The yearly fee is \$10 a person. The dance fee is \$5 for members, \$8 for non-members.

For further information, contact Jim Deering at 773-6971.

City May Use Dana Next Fall 9-20

By KEVIN O'CONNOR

Herald Staff

Rutland school leaders may reopen several classrooms at the old Dana building next year to house an increase in elementary students.

City public schools report a record grade K-12 enrollment of 3,028 students this fall, up from 2,819 students from last spring.

"We expected an increase, but we didn't expect the degree of increase," school Superintendent David Wolk said recently.

Northeast and Northwest Elementary and Rutland Intermediate are drawing more students because of new full-day kindergarten classes, as well as tuition changes at the city's parochial Christ the King School.

The city is housing 57 students in a new grade K-2 "primary learning center" at the old regional library on Pierpoint Avenue.

Wolk is suggesting using three empty classrooms at the old Dana school on East Center Street for a similar model.

He also wants to renovate garage space at Rutland Intermediate on Library Avenue for more grade 3-6

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classrooms.

Dana operated as a school from its opening in 1908 to 1995, when the city School Board closed it as part of a money-saving building consolidation plan.

Dana now houses the city Recreation Department and several

other community organizations, none of which should be affected by the proposal.

The School Board is expected to withhold any decisions until it drafts a 2000-2001 budget this coming winter. "I just want to get started now in exploring these options," Wolk said.

THINGS TO DO

Party Bridge

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Ballroom Dance

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Play Chess

Rutland, Play chess at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., 7-9 p.m., free, all levels welcome. 7-23

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853. 9-28

AIDSWalk Will Be Held Saturday

Vermont CARES, the region's AIDS Service Organization, asks all people committed to fighting AIDS to "Step Up, Step Out, Stop Aids" at AIDSWalk 99 on Saturday, Sept. 25, at 11:30 a.m. at Main Street Park in Rutland.

Vermont CARES executive director Timothy Palmer said that while AIDSWalk's main goal is to raise awareness that HIV still kills, it is also especially financially crucial to the agency this year.

"While new treatments hold out hope of better and longer lives for some people living with HIV/AIDS, they also hold out false hope that the epidemic is over," he said. "The reality is that the epidemic is continuing to grow and change. The HIV infection rate among women has increased dramatically and every hour two young people under the age of 25 are infected with HIV."

The top money earner for all four AIDSWalks will win two round-trip tickets to either Los Angeles or San Francisco. The other AIDSWalks are in St. Johnsbury on Sept. 26, Montpelier on Sept. 28, and in Burlington on Sept. 30.

Unlike many other fund-raising walks, all money raised stays in the state to help Vermonters on a local level. The walk is a little under three miles, but the impact is endless.

To get involved, call Vermont CARES at 1-800-649-AIDS.

THINGS TO DO

Ethnic Festival

Rutland, The Rutland Region Ethnic Festival features foods from throughout the world, variety of musical and dance entertainment, noon-7 p.m., adults, \$2; children grades K-12 and seniors 60 and over, \$1, nominal fee for food, for information call 773-8172 or 773-6321.

Friday

THINGS TO DO

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853. 7-24

Adult Soccer

The Rutland Recreation Department is offering an Adult Sunday Soccer Program beginning Sunday, Sept. 26 until Oct. 31 from 9-11 a.m. Players only need show up at Meadow Street Park. If there is enough interest 6-on-6 teams with a goalie will be formed. 7-25

Rutland's Ethnic Festival Is Sunday

Put on those dancing shoes and bring your appetite to the Rutland Region Ethnic Festival on Sunday, Sept. 26, in Depot Park in downtown Rutland, from noon to 7 p.m.

Not only will participants be able to sample fine foods from throughout the world, you will be able to participate in this year's theme for the festival which is dance.

Dance and movement are an important part of the cultural traditions from every part of the world with overlap and shared influences in many ethnic heritages. A variety of musical and dance entertainment will showcase different types of dance.

On the main stage, the Viva Quetzal kicks off the day of entertainment at noon with an eclectic mixture of traditional, folkloric and pop themes performed on curious and familiar, ancient and modern musical instruments.

At 2 p.m., accordionist Gary Sred-

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zenski and accompanying fiddlers will have you up dancing the polka with a diverse selection of music from the Polish/Slavic heritage. He will be followed by Burlington Taiko at 3:45 p.m.

The Vermont Arts Council says "Taiko combines the big vibrant sound of Japanese Festival Drums with beautifully choreographed movements for an unforgettable experience."

Wrapping up the main stage entertainment will be the group Yankee Chank, whose name was derived from "Chanky Chank," a term used by Cajun musicians in Louisiana to describe their traditional, home-made music. Yankee Chank is what Cajuns might call the same music played by non-native musicians.

The second stage will provide dance-

ing entertainment that will encourage audience participation. The Sleepy Hollow Morris Dancers will begin at 1:30 p.m. with traditional country dance from the United Kingdom.

Carolyn Kay, a dancer specializing in the culture and dance of India and the Middle East will take center stage at 3:30 p.m., followed by Luckenbooth. Scottish Dancers demonstrating the type of dance that led to New England's Contra dances and America's own square dancing at 4:45 p.m.

The cost for admission to the event is only \$2 for adults, \$1 for children grades K-12 and seniors 60 and over with a nominal fee for each of the food vendors participating. For more information call 773-8172 or 773-6321.

The first four rows of parking spaces adjacent to Depot Park and in front of Wal-Mart in the Rutland Plaza will be closed from this evening through Sunday for the Ethnic Festival.

Ample parking will be available in the rest of the Rutland Plaza parking lot, in the parking deck, on the street, and in the multi-modal transit center.

Seniors Enjoy Community Effort

It is my pleasure to personally thank all of those who contributed to have the recent Rutland County Senior Picnic a huge success. The Meals on Wheels program collaborated with Rutland County Triad and the Council on Aging to organize the event, and the Vermont Police Academy was gracious enough to let us use their grounds and building. By my count, there were 17 agencies that participated. There were five businesses present and directly involved at the picnic, and there were 18 businesses that contributed products or services to our effort.

The demonstrations were educational; the booths were informative; the entertainment was very good and the food was great. For all of their efforts, I would like to thank: the Triad SALT Council, Meals on Wheels, Council on Aging, RSVP, Rutland Regional Medical Center and Healthlinks, Regional Ambulance, AARP, Vermont Fire Service Training, RAVNAH, the Brandon, Castleton and Rutland City Police Departments, the Rutland County Sheriff's Department, the Vermont State Police K-9 training program, the Godnick Center line dancers, the volunteers from the Girl Scouts and the volunteer students from Castleton State College, The Bus, New County DJ Service, ADT Security, and the Vermont Police Academy.

All of the above folks made it a nice day for more than 400 senior citizens. It is most encouraging to see what can happen when diverse groups come together in a common effort.

SHAREN UNDERWOOD,
(Rutland County Triad)
Rutland

Godnick Center Offering Programs

The Rutland Recreation Department's Godnick Center is now registering for the following fall programs:

Fit for Life with Marilyn Sheldon: Increase your level of fitness on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9:25 to 10:25 a.m. with regular exercise. The course includes simple low-impact exercise, step exercise, strength work and flexibility. The fee is \$2 per class.

Country Line Dancing: Join us Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. for a fun cardiovascular workout with both new and old line dances. No experience is necessary and no partner is needed. The fee is \$2 per class and Marilyn Sheldon is the instructor.

International Folk Dance: Discover the exciting world of folk dancing. Dances of many countries — including Greece, Sicily, Israel and France — will be taught. No partner is needed and no experience is necessary. The fee is \$2 and Marilyn Sheldon leads the dancing.

Art Class: Begins Thursday, Oct. 7, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. and will continue the third Thursday of each month through December, for a total of four classes. Dr. Russ Housman leads this program on "Painting in Oils with Additives" (supply list is available at time of registration). The fee is \$24 for residents and \$30 for non-residents. This program is part of the Art Triple Header with the Chaffee Center and the Pittsford Library.

ORGANIZATIONS

Duplicate Bridge

Rutland, Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Godnick Center, Deer Street, 7:15 p.m., for information call Pierce Smith at 775-4857 or James Thomas at 273-2075, novice game, new players welcome. 7-20

Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853.

THINGS TO DO

Play Chess

Rutland, Play chess at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., 7-9 p.m., free, all levels welcome.

Friday, Oct. 1

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853. 9-26

Friday

THINGS TO DO

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853. 10-1

Thursday, Sept. 30

Play Chess

Rutland, Play chess at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., 7-9 p.m., free, all levels welcome. 9-26

10-1 Rec Hoop

There will be a meeting for all managers and persons interested in registering a team in the Rutland Recreation Department's men's basketball league Oct. 4 at 7 p.m. at the Dana Recreation Center. For further information, call 773-1822.

Chili Cook-Off 10-1

Rutland, Depot Park, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Party Bridge 10-4 10-5

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853.

Friday

10-8 THINGS TO DO

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853.

Ballroom Dance

Rutland, Rutland Ballroom Dance Club, sponsored by and held at the Godnick Adult Center, One Deer St., will be held from 7:30-11 p.m.; dance lesson, 8:30-9 p.m., singles and couples, informal dress, club members, \$5 per person, non-club members, \$8 per person, dancers of all levels welcome, 773-6971.

Compass Course Is Open to Seniors

The Godnick Adult Center announced a new program, "Compass Course/History Scavenger Hunt" with Steven Lulek, outdoor director for Green Mountain Rock Climbing Gym on Wednesday, Oct. 13.

This will be held in association with the Health Occupation Class from the Stafford Technical Center.

Participants will learn how to use a compass and then follow a course that will travel through the history of the Hubbardston Battlefield. This day should be a time of interaction and learning by both the students and the seniors, not only about compasses but about history and real life that each can share.

The cost is \$10 per hiker.

The van will leave the center for Hubbardston at 9 a.m. and return at approximately 2 p.m. Bring a lunch.

If you have any questions call the center at 773-1853.

Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO 10-13

Play Chess

Rutland, Play chess at Dana Recreation Center, 39 Center St., 7-9 p.m., free, all levels welcome.

Art in the Park back for 38th year

Juried fine artists, craftspeople and specialty food producers will be represented at the Chaffee Center for the Visual Arts 38th Annual Art in the Park Fall Foliage Festival Oct. 9 and 10 in Main Street Park.

Hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. A voluntary donation is appreciated.

All types of handicrafts and fine art will be on exhibit and available for purchase at the festival.

The visual arts are represented by a selection of oil paintings, watercolors, acrylics, sculpture and photographs.

A full array of crafts will be featured: baskets; pottery; stained glass; lampshades, wooden bowls and furniture; hammock chairs, puzzles, birdhouses; clothing; jewelry; and much more.

Demonstrations of works in progress will be held throughout the weekend. Specialty food producers will include samples of fudge, herbal dips, vinegars, spice strands, herbal braids, and fruit sauces.

There will be food concessions both days: The Palm's offerings will include hamburgers, hot dogs, sausage and

pepper subs, and French fries; ice cream, fruit smoothies and sorbets, apple pies and tarts, baked goods and cider, burritos and quesadillas. There will also be a beer tent.

Rounding out the festival are musical performances each day featuring the South American music of returning group, Yarina.

"Art for Kids," a special art and crafts events for children, will be held under the Chaffee's main tent throughout the weekend.

For information call the Chaffee at 775-0356.



10-11 Jack O'Lantern

Jack O'Lantern will be unveiled in Center Street Alley after the Halloween Parade Sunday, Oct. 31. Entry boxes are in school offices; they will be picked up Oct. 25.

The contest is open to children in grades K-6. Winners must be present at the drawing to win.

Here is the first clue:
As Halloween approaches, a figure is seen lurking

Behind a tree you can see him smirking.

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10-11 Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853.

10-13 ORGANIZATIONS

Duplicate Bridge

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10-13 Party Bridge

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Students Entering Pumpkin Contest 10-13

Rutland City residents in kindergarten through Grade 4 are invited to participate in this year's First Annual Pumpkin Painting (or Carving) Contest.

In honor of the 40th anniversary of Rutland's biggest family fun event, the Halloween Parade and O'Lantern Contest, the Rutland Recreation Department is hosting what it hopes will be the first annual pumpkin decorating contest for Rutland City youngsters.

Children should paint (or older children can carve, with supervision) a scary, funny or creative pumpkin at home. Decorated pumpkins will be brought to the Dana Recreation Center on Thursday, Oct. 28, at 6 p.m. to be categorized by grade.

A panel of prestigious judges will pick the winners: Best Painting, Best Carving, Funniest, Most Creative, and Scariest for each grade level.

At 6:15 p.m., local musician Linda MacFarlane will present a lively, interactive performance for all ages.

Contest winners will be announced that evening. Informational fliers, along with a registration form, have gone home with Rutland City children in grades K-4.

If you do not have a registration form, send your child's name, grade and school to: Pumpkin Contest, c/o RRPD at 39 East Center St., Rutland, 05701. There is no fee to register.

The musical performance is free to the public. The Dana Recreation Center is handicapped accessible. Everyone is invited to see the contest entries and pick their own winners.

Call the Recreation Department at 773-1822 for more information.

Jack O'Lantern

Jack O'Lantern will be unveiled in Center Street Alley after the Halloween Parade on Sunday, Oct. 31. Entry boxes are in school offices; they will be picked up Oct. 25.



The contest is open to children in grades K-6. Winners must be present at the drawing to win.

Here is the third clue:
Running through the streets with floppy shoes,
Leaving behind a bundle of clues.

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10-12 Jack O'Lantern

Jack O'Lantern will be unveiled in Center Street Alley after the Halloween Parade Sunday, Oct. 31. Entry boxes are in school offices; they will be picked up Oct. 25.

The contest is open to children in grades K-6. Winners must be present at the drawing to win.

Here is the second clue:

It's the infamous Jack O'Lantern on a tirade

Preparing for the 40th annual Halloween Parade.

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ORGANIZATIONS

10-14 Duplicate Bridge

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10-14 THINGS TO DO

Party Bridge

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10-14 THINGS TO DO

Play Chess

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Jack O'Lantern

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The contest is open to children in grades K-6. Winners must be present at the drawing to win.

Here is the ninth clue:

His home is special, you can find it with ease,
Where you will find the Ham-burglar and Mayor McCheese.

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Staff Photos by Christian Wideawake

Pumpkin Princess Kathryn Oakman is interviewed on Channel 15 while her mother Jean Oakman (right) and sister Meredith, 7, watch along with princesses Amanda Nichols (front) and Kristen Bauer (rear). Nichols, 17, of Fair Haven Union High School, was later crowned Pumpkin Queen by Leif Dahlin (below). All the princesses can be seen on Page 13.

The Pride Of the Patch

Fair Haven Girl to Lead Halloween Parade

By DAMIAN PAGANO
Herald Staff

Amanda Nichols was nervous before heading into the television studio Wednesday night.

The 17-year-old Fair Haven senior was fresh from an interview with the judges at the annual Pumpkin Princess Tea and was heading into the studio for a live interview with host Leif Dahlin broadcast on Rutland's public access station, Channel 15.

Her face was a bit flushed, but she seemed poised despite the jitters.

"I'm nervous. I felt like I was babbling in there," she said of her interview with the three judges.

Nichols was up against seven other local girls for the honor of being named Pumpkin Queen — a title that

carries some weight in Rutland City's annual Halloween Parade. She was part of the largest group of participants the competition has ever drawn and, at the end of the evening, emerged the winner.

"I'm royalty," she said after Dahlin placed a silver tiara on her head.

Nichols, in her new capacity as Pumpkin Queen, will lead the annual parade as it winds through Rutland on Halloween night. It is a title and role nearly as steeped in tradition as the parade itself.

"She is our star," said Dahlin, the city's recreation superintendent. "She leads the parade, she represents her community and is one of the focal

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Reservoir Obstacle Removed By Court

By BRENT CURTIS
Herald Staff

A Windsor Superior Court judge has upheld Killington Ski Area's right to withdraw water from Woodward Reservoir for snowmaking.

The decision clears the way for the long delayed linking of trails between Killington and Pico ski areas, according to an official from American Skiing Co., which owns both resorts.

An attorney for Woodward Reservoir landowners said Wednesday he was unsure whether to appeal the case to the state Supreme Court.

Judge Alan W. Cheever denied the arguments of landowners who have been fighting to block Killington's use of the reservoir since the state initially approved the deal in 1997.

In an eight-page decision released last week, Cheever upheld two environmental permits approved by the state Agency of Natural Resources and the state Water Resources Board.

"The court presumes that decisions made by an agency within its area of expertise are correct, valid, and reasonable absent a clear showing to the contrary," Cheever wrote.

The ruling removes the last obstacle to Killington's nearly three-year-old plan for an interconnect with Pico, said ASC vice president Carl Spangler. Completion of the 1.8-mile water pipeline to the Woodward Reservoir and logging for the interconnect could start next spring, he said.

"This decision is good for us and every business on the mountain," he said. "This is the second time our permits have withstood challenges. We're planning on moving ahead from here."

Spangler said drawing water from the reservoir will dramatically increase snowmaking for the two resorts' existing 700 acres of trails and 110 acres of new trails to connect the mountains, and 30-40 new trails on Pico.

By the time the interconnect is complete, he said, the combined resort will have 1,073 acres of trails, about 900 of which would be served by snow-

(See Page 13: Reservoir)

ORGANIZATIONS

Duplicate Bridge

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Here is the 10th clue:
So please play along, and give it your best shot,
Try to guess my name and see if you're hot.
...

The Queen and Her Court



Staff Photo by Christian Wideawake

The Pumpkin Princesses for 1999 are (left to right): Jen Shappy of Rutland High School, Kathryn Oakman of Poultney High School, Kristen Bauer of Proctor High School, winner and Pumpkin Queen Amanda Nichols of Fair Haven Union High School, Krystal Senecal of West Rutland High School, Jennifer Pratt of Mount St. Joseph, Danielle Jones of Mill River Union High School and Lauren Greeno of Otter Valley Union High School.

Pumpkin

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points of the parade."

This was the first year the contest was televised. When the program started in 1965, Dahlin said, the winner was chosen at a dance.

Dahlin said he decided to televise the event because "We have to keep with the times. We have electronic media and we might as well use it."

He hopes to put the contest results on-line next year, he said.

Dahlin said the contestants are chosen by their schools. Most are seniors nominated by their class-

mates. When they are nominated, he said, the girls are bestowed the title of "Pumpkin Princess" and have the honor of leading their school along the parade route.

Eight schools from around the region sent princesses this year. Poultney High School sent one, Kathryn Oakman, for the first time.

They then vie for the title of Queen and undergo an interview with three judges. Dahlin said the judges weigh personality, poise, philosophy of life and community service when mak-

ing their decision. It is not a beauty pageant, he said.

"It's a celebration of youth," he said. "It's a celebration of the young people in our community."

Most of the princesses were low-key about the contest. They did it for pride and fun, not out of a desire to compete.

"I just thought it would be fun," said Kristen Bauer, Proctor's Pumpkin Princess. "I've never done anything like this before. I think it is pride."

Most said they were honored at the chance to represent their school in

the parade. Winning the contest was secondary.

"I think it is cool," West Rutland's Krystal Senecal said. "Just representing my school is an honor."

When Nichols was crowned, the other princesses gathered around to offer congratulations. The jitters were gone and the court was in place for another year.

Nichols' first act as pumpkin royalty?

"She's going to go home and clean the bathroom," her mother Sheri said. "She's good at doing her chores."



Jack O'Lantern 10/14

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Here is the fourth clue:

A friendly guy, who is very sweet,
Is very tall, with very large feet.



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Here is the fifth clue:

With a smile that's big, he has a
clown face.
And bushy red hair that's never
out of place.

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome.

Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free,
for information call 773-1853.

THINGS TO DO 11/20

Play Chess

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Here is the sixth clue:

So look at the golden arches high
in the sky,
And wave to us as you drive by.

Fall Faces

10-18



Staff Photo by Albert J. Marro

Mary Perham sets up her painted pumpkins Saturday at the Rutland Farmer's Market in Depot Park. The market will close Oct. 30 for the season.

Party Bridge

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Today

THINGS TO DO

Play Chess

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Gymnastics Will

Begin on Oct. 30

The Rutland Recreation Department is offering a Gymnastics Program with Jim Lehman that includes stretching, tumbling, uneven and parallel bars, balance beam and vaulting.

In this program, children will learn the basics of gymnastics, with emphasis on improving personal skills while having a good time.

The sessions will run from Oct. 30 through Dec. 18 at Northwest School. Section A is for 5- to 7-year-olds, and will run from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Section B is for 8- to 12-year-olds, and will run from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There will be no class Nov. 13.

The fee for residents is \$22 and for non-residents is \$29, with a \$5 discount if you register by Oct. 22.

Register at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

'Totnastics' Class Starting Saturday

The Rutland Recreation Department is offering a Totnastics Program with Jim Lehman.

Children will develop gross motor skills through physical activities such as tag, ball games, new games and parachute play, to name a few.

Lehman has been a Rutland physical education teacher for more than 20 years. The sessions will run from Oct. 30 through Dec. 18 on Saturdays, from 9 to 10 a.m. The program is open to children 3 and 4 years old and will be held at Northwest School. There will be no class Nov. 13.

The fee for residents is \$22 and for non-residents is \$29, with a \$5 discount if you register by Oct. 22.

Register at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Party Bridge

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Here is the eighth clue:

His favorite is French fries and he eats hamburgers a lot,
Shakes that are cold and McNuggets that are hot.



Jack O'Lantern

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Here is the seventh clue:

He loves all children and it brings him great joy
To see all the smiles from every girl and boy.



Jack O'Lantern

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The contest is open to children in grades K-6. Winners must be present at the drawing to win.

Here is the final clue:

So come out and meet me on Halloween,
Because Ronald will be on the scene.

Jack O'Lantern

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Here is the 11th clue:

There will be prizes galore and the plans are made
To meet in Center Street Alley right after the parade.

Planning Meeting About Rotary Park

Everyone is invited to participate in an initial planning and dreaming exercise that will help identify what the Rutland Recreation Department should do with Rotary Park.

The meeting will be held Wednesday, Oct. 27, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Dana Recreation Center.

Should Rotary Park stay the same with a few adjustments? Are there other ideas and things we should consider in developing a vision for this special park area?

The purpose of the meeting is to listen and learn from community residents living near Rotary Park, as well as all interested city residents.

Mooseparty

Party at Moose Following Parade

Rutland's Loyal Order of Moose will again host its special Halloween party for youngsters following the Rutland Halloween Parade on Sunday, Oct. 31.

Youngsters, and their parents are invited to stop by the Moose Lodge on Center Street in Rutland, just up the street from the corner of Wales Street. The event is free to all.

And this year, there will be a special guest at the Moose Lodge, to greet all the children and check out their costumes.

Beverages, snacks and candy will be available as well as an incentive for special awards. Here's how it works: children sign up for special door prizes, telling Moose volunteers that they intend to go straight home from the party, not dally and perform mischief on the way.

Volunteers call the youngster's home within 15 or 20 minutes, depending on how far from the lodge they reside, to verify they are home. Those youngsters and then eligible for special prizes that have been donated by local merchants or purchased with money collected from Moose Club members.

The club has been holding the post-parade party for two decades and police attest that it has aided in cutting down on Halloween mischief in Rutland and surrounding communities.

As has the big Halloween parade, held in Rutland now for 40 years. It begins in downtown Rutland on Sunday, Oct. 31, at 6:30 p.m. See you there. And at the Moose Club afterwards.

Harvest Fest Set For Depot Park

There will be a harvest festival at the Farmer's Market in Depot Park in Rutland, Saturday, Oct. 30.

The event will take place from 9 a.m. through the afternoon.

There will be horse and buggy rides and spinning wheel demonstrations.

There will also be a pumpkin carving demonstration and a carving contest, led by Kathy LeMire. Silly Sally will be on hand for the younger set.

In addition, there will be the popular balloon jump, apple pressing with samples, maple cotton candy and entertainment. Members of WIC and UVM Extension Service will be dressed up in vegetable costumes to promote proper nutrition.

Rec Programs

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department is offering separate basketball clinics for girls in grades four through 12 and boys in grades four through nine through 12 on Nov. 6 at the College of Saint Joseph Athletic Center.

The girls clinics will take place from 10 a.m.-noon (grades four through six) and 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (grades seven through 12). These clinics will be instructed by CSJ women's basketball coach JoJo Valente and members of her team.

The boys clinics will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. (grades four through six) and 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. (grades seven through nine). These clinics will be instructed by CSJ men's coach Mark Benetatos and members of his team.

Pre-registration is necessary (open through Nov. 5) at the Dana Recreation Center on East Center St. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The cost of the clinic is \$10 for Rutland residents and \$17 for non-residents.



Halloween In Rutland

by Lani Duke

Vermont's celebration of Halloween seems incredibly exuberant to newcomers. Nearly every house and storefront is decorated with pumpkins and cornstalks, scarecrows or bed sheet ghosts.

The rest of the country is catching up too. National surveys indicate that the holiday continues to gain momentum each year, now exceeded only by Christmas in terms of retail sales generation.

Still, the annual parade through downtown Rutland streets is one of the largest spectator draws of the year. Some "guesstimators" place last year's spectator figure as high as 10,000 turned out to watch the 71-unit spectacle.

Although much of the credit for the annual event is given to newsmen and comic book enthusiast Tom Fagan, who led a march of costumed characters through the streets in 1959, officially the parade started in 1960. That year, the Rutland City Recreation Department organized its first Parade of Horribles. Mayor Dan Healy and "Casper the Ghost," actually the three-year-old son of

Recreation Department Head John Cioffredi, led participants from Main Street Park to Center Street, Merchants Row, and back to the park. Several schools and the Rec Department sponsored teen dances and other activities designed to provide wholesome activities for youth. The school with the highest student and parent participation received a rotating trophy.

Its second year, 1961, the parade received a new component, a Jack O'Lantern contest, a feature which continues to grow in popularity.

The 1962 parade, cancelled because of rain, had had 39 units signed up to cover a growing parade route, from the Municipal Parking Lot, to Wales, then Cottage Street, and winding up on Merchants row. Approximately 1,000 teens attended a youth dance at the Armory.

Comic book figures captured the parade's theme in 1963, an element which grew even more in 1964. "Batman's" late arrival held up the parade start in 1965, and selection of a "Pumpkin Princess" debuted.

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Party Bridge

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Friday

THINGS TO DO

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Rutland's Halloween Parade

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Marvel Comic Books soon took an interest in the parade. By 1969 they send "Flash" and "Spiderman" to join "Batman" in the annual event. The following year, the theme of their October issue was the Rutland parade. Thirty Marvel characters took part in the ever-growing celebration. In 1971, both "Batman" and "The Defenders" plots included the Rutland event. Writers dressed as the characters about which they wrote to take part in the growing pageant.

In 1972, Fagan received the "Ed Apprill Award," thereby recognizing his unique contribution to the comic book world without actually writing scripts for the genre.

Perhaps the comic book companies felt they had exhausted Vermont's unique atmosphere. Their participation declined in 1973, and no comic characters took part in the event from 1974 until 1979, when they began to reappear.

Adult groups became increasingly more visible over the years. The Senior Center, the Rutland City Fire Department, KC's Tavern, and Vermont State Bank are among the award winners announced in newspaper accounts. At the same time, the parade's theme regained its emphasis on children's interests with themes such as "Muppets" and "Once Upon a Time."

Every few years the route had to be lengthened to make

more room for an ever-growing number of participants and larger floats. Organizers found that flatbeds and tight turns presented something other than a winning combination.

Other events began to grow too. In 1990, the children's party was split into two groups, with the kindergarten through second grade contingent from noon to 1:30, and the third and fourth graders later in the afternoon. A Haunted Mansion became part of the festivities, as did a Hobgoblin Hike.

More than 2,000 children took part in the Hobgoblin Hike in 1993. Prizes for the Jack O'Lantern contest had been growing in value. First place in 1994 was a Killington Ski Area Learn-To-Ski package, won by second grader Krystie Wood. Other prizes were a boombox, a bicycle and a \$50 savings bond. Some nine trophies were presented to a variety of entries: high school bands, the City Fire department, a nursing home, an earth moving company, a car enthusiasts' club, and Rutland Regional Medical Center.

As the parade enters its 40th year, even more participants are anticipated. A few years it has been rained out or postponed until the following evening, depending on the severity of the weather.

The downtown parade, the home and business decorations, and the exuberance of youthful Trick or Treaters also signify the true end to 1999's growing season. Harvest time is just about over and frosts have singed most gardens and flowers.

This too is part of the Halloween cycle. Physicians and psychologists note that their patients report feeling a little tired, a little depressed as the days become noticeably shorter. Vermont's enthusiastic celebration of Halloween may be a type of Mardi Gras, a time of exuberance before the realities of winter descend.

To the Celts, the Samhain holiday marked the beginning of the "dark half of the year," and was the "Day Between Years." The custom of Trick or Treat may have originated in the Dublin ritual of young men, dressed in costume, going door to door, asking their neighbors to "Help with the Hallow E'en party," and to please donate a few apples or nuts. Gathering in their spoil, they would convene at a central

location for an evening of music, dancing, and feasting.

Local newspaper accounts report increased vandalism at this time of the year too. "Cabbage Night" precedes Halloween, at least in Vermont and Massachusetts. In fact, the "Wicked Good Guide to Boston English" defines Cabbage Night as "In the western suburbs, the night before Halloween and a time for throwing cabbages, eggs and the like."

Ben and Jerry's website also recognizes the term. It is a custom, they say, that entered the U.S. with European immigrants in the 1800s. "Here in Vermont," they say, "cabbage night... became a time to play tricks on others... Luckily, community groups and individuals took action and started to change Halloween into a family event."

When this change occurred and how successful it has been are matters of conjecture. Although very little appears in newspapers of the 1800s, family tales of mischief wrought, especially in the fall, have been passed on along with recipes for popcorn balls and pumpkin pie.

Horse-drawn hayrides through cemeteries have been popular autumn recreational activities. So was the manly (?) sport of outhouse tipping when those fixtures were part of nearly every family's backyard. And there are other pranks, such as window soaping and "t.p.-ing" (festooning houses and bare tree limbs with garlands of toilet tissue).

Cabbage Night itself may have spread to Vermont from Massachusetts in the fairly recent past. Long-time Rutland area residents, such as Mr. and Mrs. Victor Sevigny, do not necessarily remember the term.

West Rutlanders do recount the customary mischief of raiding neighbors' pumpkin patches and other fairly harmless autumn mischief. Newspaper accounts of the first parades lie side-by-side with stories of pranks and activities that have crossed the line into vandalism. In 1961, one discussion centered on increasing patrols of the Lake St. Catherine's area on late October evenings. Fair Haven and Wallingford, among other communities, have been the target of roaming youth in search of a little too much mischief.

That's part of the spirit of Halloween too, the less pleasant side, as the human spirit struggles with the onset of winter.

Sunday

THINGS TO DO

Halloween Parade

10/29
Rutland, The 40th annual Halloween Parade begins on Madison and Strong's avenues at 6:30 p.m., ends in shopping plaza, awards ceremony and unveiling of Mr. Jack O'Lantern will be held in Center St. Alley following the parade.

Sam's Good News Loves Whitehall

Attack on Wolk Was Unwarranted

10/28
I was very offended by the Randolph letter, an attack on our superintendent of schools. We are very pleased with the job he is doing with our schools. He is a gifted educator and doesn't need any friendship with anyone to get the top job in the state.

We would hate to lose him but would benefit from his work as the commissioner. You cannot accuse me of nepotism, because I have never met her, but anyone acquainted with the Rutland educational scene knows that Dr. Wolk, his wife, is very well qualified for the superintendent of the Rutland schools.

If more citizens would take a closer interest in what is going on in Rutland, I wouldn't look out onto four dead tennis courts at Rotary, and we wouldn't be threatened with the biggest mistake Rutland is facing, a 30-acre gas plant in the middle of the best view of the city.

BETTY PHELPS
Rutland

40th Annual 'All Hallows' Parade in City

10/27
It's the 40th annual Halloween Parade in Rutland. And it's scheduled to step off at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 31, from the corner of Madison Street and Strong's Avenue.

This is the route for all that want to view one of the biggest and best parades in Vermont:

The parade begins on Strong's Avenue,

continues onto Wales Street, west onto West Street, and south on Merchants Row to the Rutland Shopping Plaza parking lot.

At the conclusion, Amanda Nichols of Fair Haven, Miss Halloween Parade, will unveil Mr. Jack O'Lantern, usually a local personage. This year, the word is, a clown

was picked for the

position. No it is not Flip, who has performed at Rutland parades for decades before retiring earlier this year. The unveiling is set for Center Street Alley. There is a party afterwards at Moose Lodge on Center Street for

all revelers who plan to go home and not commit mayhem.

Get to Rutland early. Get a good parking place, or a place to stand. And bring blankets, because winter is almost here.

Play Chess

Rutland, Play chess at Dana Recreation Center, 39 Center St., 7-9 p.m., free, all levels welcome. 11-1

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853.

Pumpkin Painting Contest Is Tonight

The Dana Recreation Center in Rutland will host a pumpkin painting contest and musical performance Thursday evening.

Children can bring a pumpkin with a scary, funny or creative face for judging at 6 p.m.

Local musician Linda MacFarlane will follow with a free performance at 6:15 p.m.

For more information, call the Rutland Recreation Department at 773-1822. 10/28

Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853.

Ballroom Dance

Rutland, Rutland Ballroom Dance Club, sponsored by and held at the Godnick Adult Center will be held from 7:30-11 p.m.; dance lesson, 8:30-9 p.m. One Deer St., singles and couples, informal dress, club members, \$5 per person, non-club members, \$8 per person, dancers of all levels welcome, 773-6971. 10/28

Rutland Historical Society Girls' & Boys' ^{10/27} Basketball Clinics

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department is offering a girls' and boys' basketball clinic for players in grades four through six on November 6, 1999. The girls' clinic is from 10:00 to noon, and for players in grades seven through twelve on November 7, 1999 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. The boys' clinic is from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. and for payers in grades seven through nine on November 7, 1999 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. All clinics will be held at the College of Saint Joseph Athletic Center. The boys' clinic will be conducted by SJ Women's Basketball coach Mark Benetatos along with his team. CSJ Women's Basketball coach Jo Jo Valente along with her team will conduct the girls' clinic.

The fee is \$10.00 for Rutland City residents and \$17.00 for non-residents. You must pre-register by November 5, 1999 at the Dana Recreation Center located at 39 East Center Street, Rutland, Vermont, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Winter Adult Volleyball League

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department is in the process of accepting team applications for the Men's and Women's divisions in the Winter Adult Volleyball League. Team packets may be picked up at the Dana Recreation center located at 39 East Center street, Rutland, Vermont, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00

p.m., Monday through Friday. If you are not part of a team, you may come in and sign a list which will be given to team managers who need players. Team applications with a \$50.00 deposit are due at the Dana Recreation Center by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 8, 1999.

Food Discussion ^{10/30} At Dana on Nov. 8

The Rutland Recreation Department is sponsoring a round-table discussion with Carolyn Altieri to consider highly processed foods vs. less processed foods, misleading marketing ploys, building healthy eating habits, breakfast, lunch, and dinner alternatives, and topics of your choice.

Come early if you would like to browse. Bring five to 10 packaged items from your cupboard or refrigerator to use as a springboard for sharing. (You will take the food home with you.)

The program will be held at the Dana Recreation Center Monday, Nov. 8, from 6 to 7 p.m.

The registration fee is \$7 for residents, \$14 for non-residents. Pre-registration is a must.

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, call 773-1853.

Dance Lesson

Rutland, Mary-Anne and Mario Liguori lead line dancing lesson, 10 a.m., Godnick Center, \$2, pre-registration not required, all welcome, 773-1853.

Drum Circle

Rutland, Depot Park, 6 p.m., bring a drum, bring a friend, enjoy the rhythm, some drums available, everyone welcome.

ORGANIZATIONS

Duplicate Bridge ^{8/5}

Rutland, Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Godnick Center, Deer Street, 7:15 p.m., call Jean Seward at 773-9436.

Play Chess/Checkers

Rutland, Play chess and checkers at Dana Recreation Center, 39 Center St., 7-9 p.m., free, all levels welcome.

Thursday's Results ^{8/4}

Rutland Adult Softball
Women's B: Jilly's Roadrunners vs. Wayne's Autobody, MS 6:30 p.m.
Women's C: Jilly's Pounders vs. Red Moon, MS 6:50 p.m.
Women's C: Sweet Tomatoes vs. Zemo's, MN
Men's B: Brownstone I 23, Dart Mart 12
Men's D: Buccaneers vs. Two Sheas, MS 7:40 p.m.
Men's C: Ollie's 7, Midas/Mr. C's 5
Men's C: C's 7, Magoo's 6



Staff Photo by Albert J. Marro

The view from the south edge of Rotary Park shows a children's play apparatus, buried play tires, the Little League ball field and building (behind the flagpole) which now houses a day care center.

Residents to Discuss Future of Rotary Park

By ALAN J. KEAYS

Herald Staff

Rotary Park in Rutland used to be the crown jewel of city parks. It's now in need of a good polishing.

Residents of the park neighborhood will meet tonight to discuss how they want to improve the dilapidated recreational facility.

The meeting is set for 6:30 p.m. at

the Dana Center on East Center Street.

"It's a purely informational meeting," city Parks and Recreation Superintendent Leif Dahlin said Tuesday.

"We want to gather and glean the thoughts of the Rotary Park neighborhood as well as Rutland City residents to begin the process of developing a vision for Rotary Park."

The park, located off North Street,

has fallen into disrepair over the years.

The tennis courts are no longer playable. A small field house on the site could use some structural upgrades.

The playground equipment is worn and the ball fields need drainage work.

Alderman David Allaire, city Recreation Committee chairman, said Tuesday that he looked forward to hearing residents' suggestions for the park.

"I think this meeting is a great idea," he said. "I don't think we should be wasting any of our green space here in the city of Rutland."

Allaire said he recalled the condition of Rotary Park in the late 1960s and early 1970s when he was growing up in Rutland.

(See Page 15: Park)

Park

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At one time, the park offered an outdoor skating rink in the winter and a swimming pool in the summer. "It was the crown jewel of the city parks," he said. "I think over the years it has fallen behind some of the other parks in the city."

Dahlin said finding funds in the city budget for the park upgrade might be difficult.

However, he has heard that federal money may soon become available to help pay the bills.

"There is some movement afoot to

get some federal funding re-established for this type of project," he said. "I want to make sure we're ready when it's grant time."

By planning now for the potential federal grant money, the city will be one step ahead when it comes time to do the work, he said.

"We want to make sure we get the input of the neighborhood," Dahlin said. "For us, the meeting will be a time to listen to what people have to say, what they want to see at the park."

Following the meeting, Dahlin said,

he will work to develop the ideas into a design plan for the park. He will also run the numbers to find out how much it will cost to do the suggested work.

"This is just the first step in the process," he said.

Similar "listening sessions" will likely be held to help the Recreation Department develop a master plan for all its parks.

"We certainly don't want to do any work without first gaining the input from the neighborhood," Dahlin said. "Public input is always very important."

Today

THINGS TO DO

Noon Tunes Concerts
Rutland, Depot Park, Adam Rosenberg, 12:30 p.m.

Youth Leagues
Junior Babe Ruth
Fair Haven 11, Post 31 10. Winning pitcher: Shawn Foley. Hitting stars: Team effort.

Tuesday's Results

Rutland Adult Softball
Women's C: Jilly's Bottom Fifth 9, Criss' Pub
Men's B: Olie's 8, Jilly's Renegades 5
Men's D: Nallers vs. Parker's Classic, MF
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Saloonatics, MS 7:40 p.m.
Men's D: Spotlight vs. Brahma Bulls, MS 8:50 p.m.
Men's C: Vitoz 25, Friar's 11
Men's C: Jilly's Devils 7, Jilly's 0 (forfeit)

Wednesday's Events

New York-Penn League Baseball
New Jersey at Vermont Expos, 7:05 p.m.

Rutland Adult Softball
Women's B: B.E. McGee vs. Jilly's Jags, GIO
Women's C: Andrea's Pizza vs. Ryan, Smith & Carbine, MN
Men's B: Cass/Carey's Auto vs. Jilly's Dogs, MS 6:30 p.m.
Men's B: Jilly's Roughnecks vs. Keith's II/Jilly's, MF
Men's D: Jilly's vs. Tyler's Team, MS 7:40 p.m.
Men's D: All Lines vs. A Crust Above, JFC

Today

THINGS TO DO

Swing Band
Rutland, Marble City Swing Band appears in Main Street Park, big band sound, 7-9 p.m., free and open to the public.

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Thursday's Games
Women's B: Jilly's Roadrunners vs. Wayne's Autobody, MS 6:30 p.m.
Women's C: Jilly's Pounders vs. Red Moon, MS 8:50 p.m.
Women's C: Sweet Tomatoes vs. Zemo's, MN
Men's B: Brownstone I vs. Dart Mart, MF
Men's D: Buccaneers vs. Two Sheas, MS 7:40 p.m.
Men's C: Olie's vs. Midas/Mr. C's, JFC
Men's C: Magoo's vs. CJ's, GIO

Getting Set for Halloween



Staff Photos by Vyto Starinkas

A veggie pumpkin (above) is lined up with other contestants in the Rutland Recreation pumpkin contest on Thursday to celebrate the 40th Rutland City Halloween Parade this Sunday night. Meanwhile, a cameraman records the competition to be shown at a later date on Rutland's Channel 15.



Eight Heads Are Better Than One



Skillfully carved pumpkins glow from the front porch of a home on Fairview Avenue in Rutland earlier this week. Halloween — and the city's annual Halloween Parade — are on Sunday. Staff Photo by Christian Wideawake

TV Taping Goes Awry

By ALAN J. KEAYS
Herald Staff

Viewers of Rutland's local public access channel saw something a little scary when they tuned in to watch the city's Halloween Parade on television Sunday.

**"At least it shows
people are watching."**

Michael J. Valentine

And it wasn't just the parade marchers that were a little red-faced.

Because of technical difficulties and a change in camera location, the staff of Channel 15 ran into several problems in attempting a live broadcast the 40th edition of the city's annual parade.

When they did manage to get it going, the television screen had a red hue and several messages from the video equipment could be seen.

"We're blaming it on the Y2K bug," Michael J. Valentine, executive director of Rutland Region Community Television, said Monday. "It bit us a little early."

Valentine said he apologized for the mishap.

"I take full responsibility," he said. "We're mostly a volunteer crew and we do the best that we can. I think most people take it with a grain of salt."

In past years, the staff of the television channel was able to broadcast the event live from the corner of

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Merchants Row and West Street with little problem.

This year, hoping to get a better view, the cameras were moved to the corner of Evelyn Street and Merchants Row to be closer to the judges' stand.

Even after successful test runs earlier in the week, several problems occurred Sunday night. They ranged from a lack of electricity to a child

running over a cord with a bicycle.

Phones at the office of Channel 15 were ringing off the hook with people wondering what was happening.

"At least it shows people are watching," Valentine said.

Valentine had words of praise for parade organizers, and for the city's fire and police departments who tried to help get the show on the air.

Despite the poor quality of the video, Valentine said that Channel 15 would re-broadcast the parade, or at least some of the highlights.

A lot of people marching in the parade typically like to tune in when the parade is repeated to see how they performed.

"I'd like to show it again, even if it is embarrassing," he said.



Staff Photos by Margo Smith

Creature Feature *11/*

Toucans and flamingos (above) lead the West Rutland School band in its rendition of "Tequila." The band was named Best Costumed Marching Unit in the 40th annual Halloween parade Sunday night. Barstow Memorial School from Chittenden was named runner-up in that same category for its interpretation of "The Lion Sleeps Tonight." Band members (below) wore headgear depicting various jungle animals. A four-legged, stilt-walking spider (left below) drew applause and garnered an honorable mention award as well.





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Some scenes from Rutland's annual Halloween Parade Sunday night: Above, up pops the devil, or at least a darn good likeness. Upper right, the Rutland Herald's float featured a giant stork carrying the millennium baby. Speaking of babies (oh yeah, baby!), at right is that fab fellow Austin Powers, who was traveling with the groovy Proctor High School Band. Oh behave! More photos, Page 8.

40th Treat

Big Crowd Turns Out on Perfect Night for Halloween Parade

By KEVIN O'CONNOR
Herald Staff

Year 2000 scare you?

Wait 'til you hear about the millennium bugs that spooked downtown Rutland Sunday.

We're not talking small, silent pests in computer wires. These were as big and boisterous as school-children, boldly buzzing their way through city streets.

"We like trick or treating!" one screamed. "It's Halloween!"

The 40th annual Rutland Halloween Parade, that is.

The march that stepped off Sunday evening featured 70 bands, floats and costumed creatures like the Rutland Intermediate School "Y2K Bugs" that plagued thousands of spectators along Wales and West streets and Merchants Row.

Many marchers commemorated the end of the century with period costumes. The Proctor High School Band, for example, go-goed in '60s

garb to the theme of the movie "Austin Powers."

(Make that the "Proctor Groovy Oh Yeah Baby High School Band," its banner said.)

The Rutland High School Art Club remembered what many would like to forget with a 7-foot-tall dung beetle bearing reminders of the city's failed trash incinerator, new downtown parking deck and proposed gas plant.

"It's kind of an awareness thing," said student Graham Messier, passing out "blunder bucks" from "The Great State of Waste."

The Rutland Herald headlined more memorable memories with a 13-foot-tall stork surrounded by New Year's revelers from different decades, all rocking to Prince's "1999."

Several groups topped the evening's unseasonable 60-degree

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Was O'Lantern Nominated By Mayor McCheese?

By KEVIN O'CONNOR
Herald Staff

It's a four-decade Rutland tradition: Put a Jack O'Lantern mask on a child-friendly citizen and ask local students a question.

Who's behind it?

The answer is usually an adult from school or City Hall. So when fast-food clown Ronald McDonald became the first non-native mystery guest in Rutland Halloween Parade history, some spectators asked another question.

What's behind it?

"Historically, we usually choose a local person — this year, being the

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The hamburger chain's character Ronald McDonald was Mr. Jack O'Lantern Sunday.

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Rutland's HAIR-RAISING GOOSE-BUMPING SPINE-TINGLING TEETH-CHATTERING Parade



DAVID S. JENNE / RUTLAND HERALD

By KEVIN O'CONNOR
Herald Staff

The first man of the hour: Dean
Rippon, who taught physical education
and science at Rutland High from 1952

October issues starting in 1970.
The comic book heroes have given
way to local characters, be they in



RUTLAND HERALD FILE PHOTOS



The Rutland Halloween Parade is 40 years old this year. Above are scenes from past parades.

I think Halloween is for costumed children?

In Rutland, a street-clearing 40-year-old is ready to seize the day.

Don't call police to complain, however. One of their cruisers will lead the way as the city's annual Halloween Parade celebrates four decades of taking over downtown.

The march, starting Sunday at 6:30 p.m., will feature school bands, community floats, teenage "pumpkin princesses" and a child-friendly celebrity wearing a Jack O'Lantern mask.

The Rutland Recreation Department launched the first parade in 1960, marching from Main Street Park to Center Street, Merchants Row and back to the start.

John Cioffredi, then the newly hired recreation head, remembers the birth of his brainchild.

"We wanted to do something to get all the schoolchildren together for Halloween, to keep them in a happy environment and let them have a good time," he says. "We had all them meet up and the mayor rode in a Jeep with me and Casper the ghost."

The tradition of masking a local celebrity as the parade's surprise Jack O'Lantern began the next year, when schoolchildren received clues to guess the mystery marcher's identity.

The parade lineup

Section 1

Rutland City Police Department, lead police cruiser;

Rutland Recreational Department banner;

Veterans of Foreign War color guard marching unit;

Mayor Cassarino;

Fair Haven Pumpkin Queen Amanda Nichols;

Fair Haven Union High School, float and band with 100 marchers;

Rutland City Fire Department, platform truck;

Department of Public Works, truck;

Barstow Memorial School, float and band with 65 marchers;

Fabian Earth Moving, float;

Proctor Princess Kristen Bauer;

Proctor Junior High School band with 70 marchers;

Proctor Children's Center Baby Casper float;

Central Vermont Public Service float;

Rutland Regional Medical Center operating room float.

Section 2

Mount St. Joseph Princess Jennifer Pratt and Majorettes;

Mount St. Joseph Academy float;

Community Access Program float;

Green Mountain Corvette Club Corvettes;

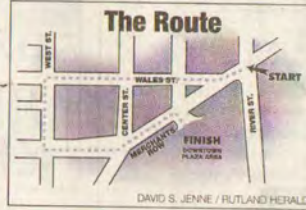
anigators as a summer sideline at Lake George, N.Y.

"There isn't anything I haven't done," says Rippon, now 78 and playing badminton at his self-built home in Killington. "I remember sitting in a convertible waving to people. It's quite an honor to be chosen. It kind of brings duck bumps to you."

The parade's first pumpkin princess, Eileen Keenan, has a different response when reminded about her crowning as a Mount St. Joseph Academy student in 1965.

"You can be really kind and not mention it," Keenan says. "That was a long time ago. This reminds me of that night, when I laughed just as hard thinking, 'I don't believe it.'"

The parade soon ballooned in size and stature. Marvel Comics sent its superheroes to the march starting in 1969 and featured their appearance in its



civic clubs, businesses and other organizations. This year's parade promises almost 70 entries.

"All the folks who are the parade itself make it what it is," says Leif Dahlin, superintendent of the recreation department. "We just ensure the integrity of what's been going on for 40 years — and hopefully have a lot of fun while we're at it."

The parade will start on Madison Street and run from Strongs Avenue to Wales and West streets to Merchants Row, ending at the downtown shopping plaza.

This year's pumpkin princess, Amanda Nichols of Fair Haven Union High School, will unmask the parade's Jack O'Lantern in Center Street Alley immediately after the march.

The parade will go on rain, snow or shine, having been canceled only once, in 1962.

"I go when the weather's not inclement," says Cioffredi, who retired in 1994. "I take a little pride in what's been accomplished over the years. The parade's done very well."

Section 4

Poulthney Princess Kathryn Oakman;

Wild Hooves 4H of Pittsford float;

Granger's on Parade float;

Rutland Area Food Co-op, 10 marchers;

Stafford Technical Center, float with 30 marchers;

Barbara Allen, decorated go-cart;

Head Over Heels/KAM Service, float.

Section 5

Mill River Princess Danielle Jones;

Mill River Union High School band with 125 marchers;

Danby Corvette Club, float and two Willy's Jeeps;

Gold Wing Road Riders Association motorcycles;

Jackie Waters/Moo Mobile, Buick Skyhawk, painted black and white like a cow;

VASA Vermont ATV Association ATV's;

Otter Valley Princess Lauren Greeno;

Otter Valley Union High School, band with 50 marchers;

RAVE, 12 cars;

Z-97 Radio, van with marchers;

Kelly Greene float;

Rutland County Humane Society float;

Rutland Valley Kennel Club, 25 dogs and marchers;

Killington Ski Area float;

Allen Engineering Pools float;

Zero Gravity, 30 marchers;

Jack-O-Lantern.

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temperatures with even warmer themes.

The Fair Haven Union High School Band shook fruit-laden headdresses to the tune "Conga." Toucans and flamingos from West Rutland School flapped to "Tequila." Beach Boys (and Girls) from Rutland Town School frolicked to "Kokomo."

Out of Africa, Fabian Earthmoving presented "The Mighty Jungle" right next to Barstow Memorial School of Chittenden's "The Lion Sleeps Tonight."

Other schools celebrated accomplishments. Mount St. Joseph Academy of Rutland line-danced to the theme "In Step With Our Community." Otter Valley Union High of Brandon cheered its girls' field hockey team, winner of the weekend's Division III state championship.

Otter Valley junior Keaton Dahlin doffed his top so a team member could paint an "O" on his chest.

"We love taking our shirts off to support the girls," he said alongside boys bearing other school letters.

Still others played against type. Central Vermont Public Service Corp., Rutland County 4-H and the Freedom of the Road for Vermont motorcycle club all wrapped themselves up in Christmas themes.

"A preview of things to come," ho-ho-hoed a Santa who resembled the power company's vice president of public affairs, Bob Rogan.

Several bands and floats won awards, including:

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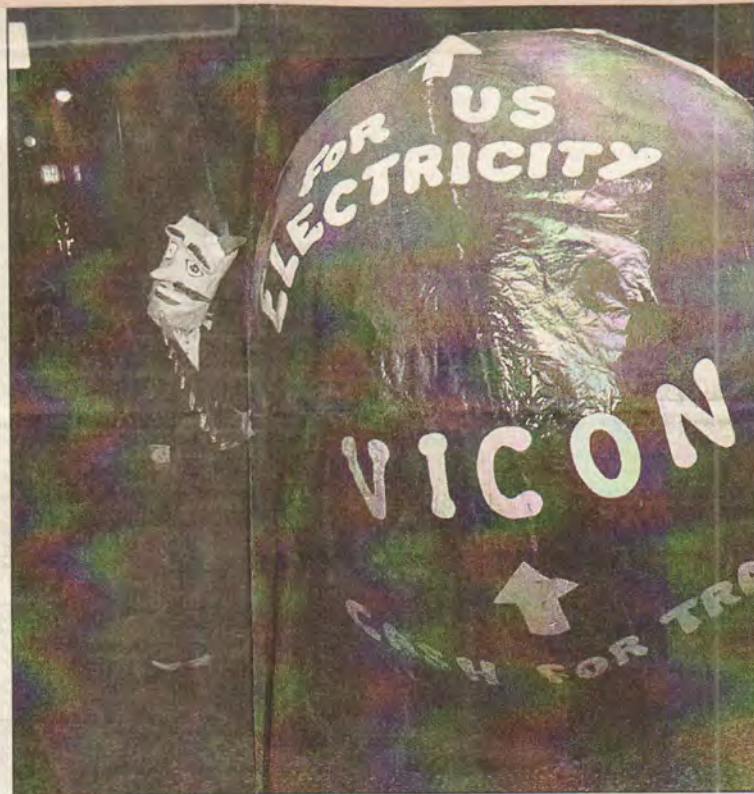
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McDonald's

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Parade organizers try to avoid promotion or politics, going so far as to ask participating businesses not to build floats that advertise more than amuse. That sparked some to wonder whether the department practiced what it preached.

"We pursued this particular character because this individual is popular with the children and universally known," Dahlin said in response. "There's no set criteria other than someone who's a public person who the kids can figure out."

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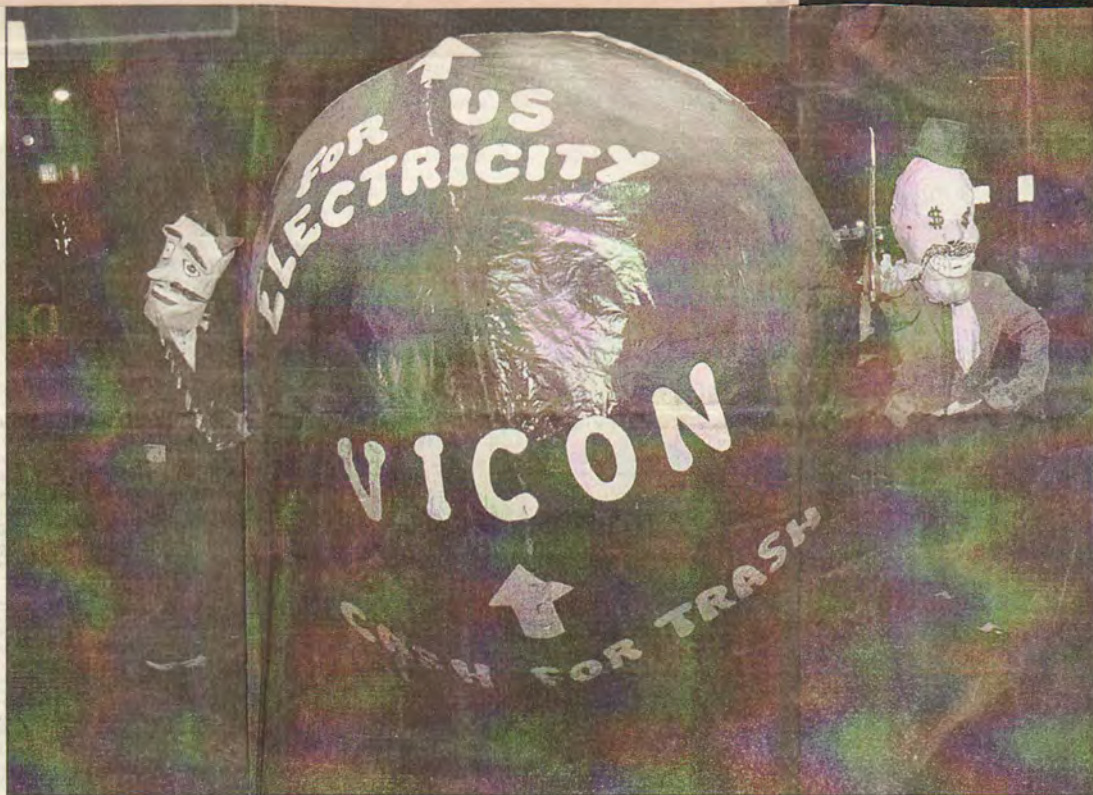
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Board Questions Political Messages on Parade Floats

By ALAN J. KEAYS
Herald Staff

Rutland City is considering whether political statements should be on parade on Halloween.

Two floats that displayed varying degrees of social commentary in Sunday's Halloween parade prompted city officials to tackle the issue of what kind of speech should be allowed.

A float by the Rutland High School Art Club featured a dung beetle, a list of not-so-successful development projects in the city and their price tags. The float generated lots of laughs from parade spectators.

The other float, sponsored by the Resurrection Ranch in North Clarendon, listed the names of national, state and local politicians under a banner of corruption in government.

It drew plenty of silence along the route.

The float also included a personal attack on the spouse of one of the Resurrection Ranch leaders.

That float drew the greatest concern Monday.

"It's not the beetle and the little ball I'm concerned with," Alderwoman Sharon Davis said.

Board President Christopher Louras said he took issue with both floats. But, he said, he took stronger exception to the one from Resurrection Ranch.

"I'm somewhat offended by some of the social issues that the floats displayed," Louras said before Monday night's aldermen's meeting. "I think it's something we need to look at."

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Staff Photo by Margo Smith

An immense dung beetle, escorted by the Rutland High School Art Club, carries a political message in Sunday's annual Halloween parade. Another float by Resurrection Ranch in North Clarendon sparked concern about political statements from the Board of Aldermen.

Floats

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The board later unanimously voted to refer the matter to the city Recreation Superintendent Leif Dahlin. Dahlin is expected to report back with a policy recommendation, Louras said. Dahlin was out of the office Monday and could not be reached for comment.

If action is taken to ban her from the parade or tone down her message, Marilyn Christian of Resurrection Ranch said Monday evening she would take the city to court.

"I'd protect my constitutional right

to free speech," she said. "If they kick me out they're going to have to shut down the parade."

This is not the first time the board has dealt with the issue.

"It came up about five years ago," Alderman William Gillam said. "I guess it's come back to haunt us again, so to speak."

Aside from the political commentary, board members gave the parade rave reviews.

The city's Halloween parade, sponsored by the city Recreation Department, attracts up to 10,000

people downtown. But few of those onlookers had a vocal reaction to the controversial float by the Resurrection Ranch, which included a judge hanging from a noose.

The theme of the float, Christian said, was corruption in government and courts. She said she was surprised to hear that some city officials don't think political statements should be part of the parade.

Political statements, she said, are less threatening than some of the scenes depicted on other floats.

"Some of those floats were pretty

scary and grotesque," she said.

Asked what corruption in government has to do with Halloween, she replied, "You show me what Winnie the Pooh has to do with Halloween. What does Mickey Mouse have to do with Halloween? They let them march."

As for the RHS Art Club, instructor Steve Halford said Monday that the projects listed on the dung beetle represented money that was wasted because not enough people cared to find out what was going on.

"We try, with humor, to make a statement," he said. "In this case, we were saying all those things are BS."

The float depicted a 7-foot-tall dung beetle that carried the price tag of some recent local projects, including

the new \$17 million downtown transit center that has recently attracted unfavorable attention in the national media and a proposed \$1 billion gas plant.

This Halloween marked the 10th year the high school art club has taken part in the parade. Each year, the float makes some social comment.

Past efforts have taken on the recent discovery of a large number of deformed frogs in Vermont. Another depicted the trend toward fascination with celebrity.

"What we want to do each year is make a thinking person's float and have a little fun," Halford said. "I think this year we certainly pushed it a little bit, but as I walked the parade route I heard nothing but

laughs."

Halford said he didn't support censorship, even for floats he doesn't particularly care for, like the one from Resurrection Ranch.

"To me, that float just showed a lot of anger. I just looked away," he said.

In his case, Halford said, his students learned a great deal about becoming involved in local issues. They also learned that the dung beetle is a sacred bug in Africa.

He said he understood the difficult position city officials were in when looking at what floats or statements should be allowed in the parade.

"I wouldn't want to be in their shoes," he said. "But I don't see what's so wrong with a little dung beetle."

You can't please everybody

After reading Alan Keays' article, "Board Questions Political Messages on Parade Floats," I say "Bravo!" to Steve Halford's RHS Art Club. Thank heavens for freedom of speech; the projects listed on the dung ball were in an apropos setting.

Marilyn Christian has a right to her opinions, too. A few years ago, I remember reading about the custody case of her child; obviously, this woman feels betrayed by the legal system regarding the protection of her child.

If the Board of Aldermen (or Mr. Dahlin) considers banning the above-mentioned floats, it (or he) should consider banning the following participants:

— Anybody dressed as a devil and/or a ghost; Offensive to Catholics and some other Christians.

— Members of military service organizations; Offensive to taxpayers who are against military spending.

— Employees of local radio stations; Offensive because they might play offensive music or make offensive remarks on their programs.

— Employees of the local electric company; This company's rates are offensive to everybody.

— Members of motorcycle and car clubs; They probably engage in offensive acts, e.g., drinking, sex.

— Cute, four-legged creatures from the humane society; They might leave behind offensive reminders of their participation.

— Cute, two-legged creatures from Rutland County's schools; Offensive because they are growing up and they might actually have some ideas about life and the first two floats mentioned in this letter.

So — who you gonna call to parade? Ghost-busters?

BETH BARRA
Rutland

Flag Champs

The Cowboys defeated the Packers 22-20 last Wednesday to capture the "C" division of the Rutland Recreation Department's flag football league. Members of the winning team were Mike Blaisdell, Seth Blaisdell, Andrew Chisholm, Mike Fredette, Andrew Gennette, Mike Jones, Ross LaLancette, K.C. McCormack, Aden Parker, Anthony Patorti, Stephen Shortle, Kvie Tricell and Jon Walleit.

Godnick Center's Bazaar Is Saturday

The Rutland Recreation Department's Annual Holiday Craft Bazaar at the Godnick Center on Deer Street is Saturday, Nov. 6, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sale items include: baked goods, crafts, Christmas ornaments, tree ornaments, knitted items, jams, baby blankets, painted boxes, wooden miniatures, wooden doll furniture, doll clothes, handmade aprons, and more.

There will be more than 20 vendors.

Halloween Treat: Transit Center Will Open

By ALAN J. KEAYS
Herald Staff

The Halloween Parade goes right by the new transit center and its 600 parking spaces in downtown Rutland, but the massive building was set to be as quiet as a graveyard.

That was Friday afternoon. By Friday evening, the transit center looked to be in much better spirits.

After a quick phone call, the state agreed to pay the \$400 needed for the security and insurance to keep it open.

"This is a great opportunity to showcase the transit center," state Deputy Transportation Secretary Micque Glitman said Friday evening.

The transit center is usually open only on weekdays.

However, an exception will be made for the Halloween Parade and the 10,000 people who are expected to attend.

The 40th edition of the city's Halloween marching spectacular is set for Sunday at 6:30 p.m. The transit center will be open from 4 to 11 p.m. Parking will be free, as it has been

for the past month.

The \$17 million transit center has been open to free weekday parking while the state pays the bills.

The state is trying to work a deal to transfer ownership to Rutland City from the Marble Valley Regional Transit District, which was going to close the parking levels on Oct. 1 until the state stepped in.

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Transit

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Marble Valley uses the ground floor for bus operations and pays its own expenses for that.

Marble Valley and Rutland City have talked about Halloween for a few days but could not work out a way to keep the center open and cover the costs.

"For an event like this it really should be open," Glitman said.

In fact, she said, she was surprised that it would be closed. It was her understanding, she said, that the state had earlier told Marble Valley it would pay to keep it open.

Patricia Donnelly, chairwoman of Marble Valley's board of directors, said Friday evening she was pleasantly surprised to get the telephone call from Glitman saying that the state would cover the cost.

"We didn't have the money," Donnelly said.

She said she had been told the state wouldn't pay to keep it open for the Halloween Parade. So this week she turned to the city.

"If it's open you would need police in there," Mayor John Cassarino said Friday. "And on Halloween we're stretched pretty thin."

City police will be patrolling to prevent Halloween vandals from striking elsewhere in the city, and will be too busy to staff the transit center.

Without police to provide the security, the city said it didn't want to

take over the insurance liability needed to keep it open.

Since the five-story building towers over the parade route, there were concerns about pranksters tossing things from above onto marchers if the transit center were kept open.

Also, since both entrances are located along the parade route, it would be difficult to get emergency vehicles in and out if some incident should occur in the transit center.

Rutland City Police Lt. Kevin Geno agreed Friday that staff at the police department would be stretched thin. Patrols around the city have been beefed up this week-end to help curb vandalism, he said.

Marble Valley eventually turned to local businesses, hoping some company might want to sponsor the transit center this Halloween to cover the bills.

That proved too difficult a task to pull off on short notice.

The state stepped in Friday evening after learning of plans to close the transit center during the Halloween Parade. The state will pay for a private security company and cover the insurance.

A similar situation occurred a few weeks ago during the city's downtown Ethnic Festival. That popular event was also held on the weekend and the transit center remained closed.

Some merchants complained, but again, the cost of security was cited as the reason for keeping it closed.

Cassarino said Friday evening he was glad to hear the facility would be

open. "We just didn't have the police to do it," he said.

Donnelly said that for the past few days she wanted so badly to keep the facility open for Halloween that she thought of asking for volunteers to ensure the center's security Sunday.

After the phone call from Glitman, Donnelly had much better news.

"Things have changed dramatically," she said. "It's going to be open."

Tree Lighting 11-22

The 10th annual lighting of the trees will be held Friday, Nov. 26, at 6 p.m. in Main Street Park. Santa will lead a parade and hayride to downtown Depot Park for the tree-lighting ceremony, which will feature music, refreshments and visits with Santa. There will also be a non-perishable food collection for the Community Cupboard. For more information call 773-9380.

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853.

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Party Bridge 11-23

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853.

Party Bridge 11-9

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853.

THINGS TO DO

Party Bridge 11-7

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853.

ORGANIZATIONS

Duplicate Bridge 11-11

Rutland, Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Godnick Center, Deer Street, 7:15 p.m., for information call Pierce Smith at 775-4857 or James Thomas at 273-2075, novice game, new players welcome.

Pomp and belly laughs



11-10

Pat Tucker gets ready for graduation Tuesday from Clown Class sponsored by the RSVP and The Volunteer Center. The 13 clowns who graduated at Rutland Recreation Center ceremonies will now go out into the community and make people laugh.

Staff Photo by Vyto Starnickas

Class Clowns

11-10



Staff Photos by Vyto Starinkas

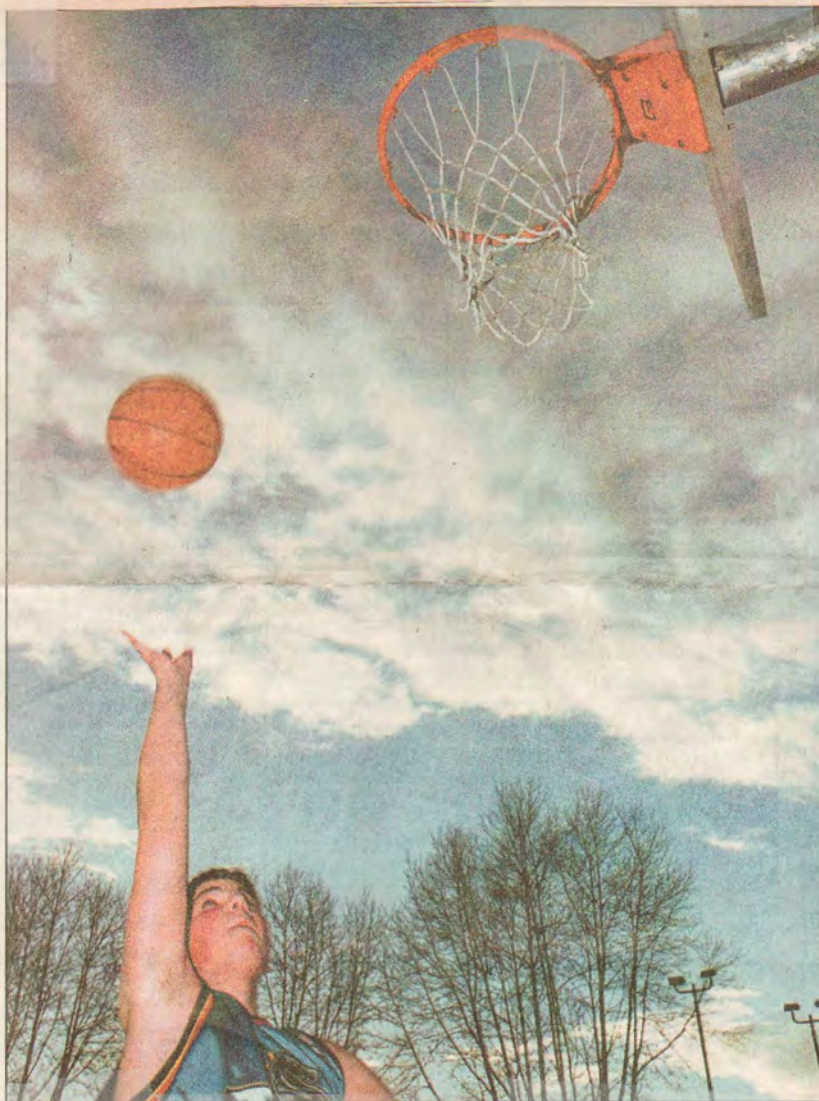
Clown graduate Donna Brileya (above) takes a photos of Helen Cioffi and Pat Tucker during their last day of Clown Class, a program sponsored by the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program and The Volunteer Center. The 13 clowns graduated Tuesday at the Rutland Recreation Center building after a six-week program to teach clown volunteers to entertain at schools, elderly homes, hospitals and other locations. Below, teacher Delia Phillips addresses her graduates. At right, Pat Tucker calmly awaits the ceremony.



11-23

Lazy, hazy days of November

Less than a week ago, some Vermonters were digging out after the season's first significant snowfall. The weather of the last few days, however, has seen a dramatic turnaround as Indian summer conditions have returned with sunny skies and temperatures soaring into the 60s. Above, James Woods relaxes with his dog Sheena in West Hartford. Meanwhile, in Rutland Monday, Matt Bradley, 14, leaps into the sky while playing basketball at Monsignor Connor Park. Temperatures are expected to stay well above normal for the rest of the week.



Staff Photo by Christian Widawski

Ballroom Dance

Rutland, The Rutland Ballroom Dance Club, sponsored by the Rutland Recreation Department, will be held at the Godnick Adult Center, 7:30 p.m., singles and couples, informal dress, club members \$5 per person; non-members, \$8 per person, a Menengue lesson from 8:30-9 p.m., 773-6971.

11-13

Play Chess/Checkers

Rutland, Play chess and checkers at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., 7-9 p.m., free, all levels welcome.

11-24

Friday

THINGS TO DO

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853.

Men's hoop

The Rutland Recreation Department is forming a men's over-30 basketball league. Team packets are available at the Dana Recreation Center at 39 East Center St. Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Team fees and rosters are due back on Dec. 1 by 5 p.m. The league will consist of no more than eight teams; play will begin on Dec. 5 and will run through early March. Games will be played on Sunday mornings. All players must be 30 years of age or older.

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853.

Today

THINGS TO DO

Starry Nights

Rutland, Visit from Santa in Depot Park, 1-4 p.m., haywagon rides, 4-H activities, youth art work display, for information call 773-9380.

Tree Lighting/Starry Nights

Rutland, The 10th annual lighting of the trees will be held in Main Street Park, 6 p.m.; Santa's parade and hayride to downtown Depot Park for tree lighting ceremony, music, refreshments and visits with Santa, non-perishable food collection for the Community Cupboard, for information call 773-9380.

First Night seeks many volunteers

First Night Rutland needs help on New Year's Eve. Two hundred volunteers are needed to greet the guests, to check buttons and insure a safe, good time is had by all.

Just two hours of time makes this community event a success and earns an admission button to enjoy the many events and performances at First Night 2000.

Call early to schedule a two-hour shift at the performance of your preference.

Volunteer information packages with your earned admission button will be available for pick up at the First Night offices at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. from Dec. 27 through 30. This will allow you to see events prior to your volunteer shift.

To book your time with First Night 2000 call 747-9090 (leave a message if no one answers and someone will return your call).

Rutland Historical Society

Santa is coming to downtown 12/25

The Rutland Partnership has announced that activities for the 1999 "Starry Nights" holiday program in downtown Rutland will be centered around the new train station, the Rutland Depot and Depot Park.

This year marks the 10th annual Lighting of Trees to be held Friday, Nov. 26, at 6 p.m. in Main Street Park.

Santa will light the tree in the bandstand and lead a parade down Center Street, arriving in Depot Park at 6:30 p.m. to light the tree there.

The parade will also include a 4-H club float representing many area 4-H clubs, Christmas of Yesteryear, elves, Killington gondola and snow princesses.

The public is asked to bring non-perishable food items to fill grocery carts that will then fill the shelves at the Rutland Community Cupboard and help neighbors in need.

Mayor John Cassarino will greet attendees as master of ceremonies in Depot Park. There will be music, carol singing, refreshments and then Santa

will lead everyone to the Rutland train depot, where he will be in residence and where many activities will take place during the following weekends.

The Starry Nights holiday program continues every Friday from 4 to 7 p.m., and Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. through and including Saturday, Dec. 18, with Santa, activities and entertainment in the Rutland Depot each day.

Killington Ski Area will have a gondola cabin and snow-grooming vehicle on display and staff on-hand to explain how they work Friday, Dec. 3, from 4 to 7 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 4, from 1 to 4 p.m. in Depot Park.

Throughout the holiday period, the Postal Service will have a special mailbox located at the Rutland Depot for letters to Santa.

For information, call the Starry Nights hotline at 773-9380.

City tree lighting, parade on Friday

The Community Relations Committee of the Rutland Partnership has announced the activities for the 1999 "Starry Nights" holiday program in downtown Rutland.

This year marks the 10th Annual Lighting of Trees which will be held Friday, Nov. 26, at 6 p.m. in Main Street Park.

Santa will light the tree in the bandstand and lead a parade down Center Street, arriving in Depot Park at 6:30 p.m. to light the tree there.

The parade will include a 4-H club float, Christmas of Yesteryear, elves, a Killington gondola, Snow Princesses and other surprises.

The public is asked to bring non-perishable food items to fill grocery carts that will then fill the shelves at the Rutland Community Cupboard.

City Mayor John Cassarino will be master of ceremonies in Depot Park. There will be singing and refreshments, and then Santa will lead everyone to Rutland Depot, where he will be in residence throughout the season.

The Starry Nights holiday program continues every Friday from 4 to 7 p.m., and Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. through and including Saturday, Dec. 18, with Santa, activities and entertainment in the Rutland Depot each day.

The Postal Service will have a special mailbox located at the Rutland Depot for letters to Santa.

All holiday activities are free and open to the public. For more information, call 773-9380.

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853.

Rutland Rec Dept. will offer aerobics

The Rutland Recreation Department is offering aerobics classes suitable for beginners through advanced, with modification for each level.

Classes will consist of a 10-minute warm-up, an aerobic/step segment, strength work, abdominal work and a cool-down. Participants need to bring a mat or a towel, and wear comfortable athletic shoes and clothing.

Classes run Mondays and Wednesdays, from 9:15 to 10 a.m.

The first class starts Dec. 6, and runs through Jan. 12.

Registration is at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St. Fees are \$24 for residents and \$31 for non-residents.

There is a \$5 discount if you sign up before Dec. 6. Space is limited.

Starry Nights

Rutland, Visits with Santa, horsedrawn wagon rides, 4-H club activities, Depot Park, 4-7 p.m.

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853.

Play Chess/Checkers

Rutland, Play chess and checkers at Dana Recreation Center, 39 Center St., 7-9 p.m., free, all levels welcome.

Party Bridge

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Great moments at Halloween parade

A mom and her two kids sit on the curb as Dad stands behind with us to watch the goings-on.

This huge beautiful float of animals (jungle animals) is passing and Mom says to the little girl, "Honey, look at the lion." Just at that time a local yokel passes by in costume and the little girl screams, "Mom, it's Ronald, it's Ronald McDonald." Yeah, I know she missed the whole float, but Ronald McDonald is much more important in her little world.

Next, she is visiting up back with Dad and a little lady from the local Veterans of Foreign War is passing out goodies. She turns just in time to see the lady drop something in her brother's back sack and move on. "Lady, lady, you forgot me," she says in a right next door to tearful cry.

The little lady hustles back, pats her on the head and says, "I'm so sorry," and drops some goodies in her sack. And then she says, "Mommy, she gave me two, she gave me two."

Now you all know why little kids love that Halloween parade, but how about we adults witnessing these great moments as tiny tears of happiness seep from our eyelids as we think back on our own great days of parenting? The Pumpkin Parade forever.

TWIG CANFIELD
Fair Haven

Aerobics classes starting this week

The Rutland Recreation Department is offering morning aerobics classes taught by Susan Classen and Mary Ellen Conlon, which are suitable for beginners through advanced, with modification for each level.

Classes will consist of a 10-minute warm-up, an aerobic/step segment, strength work, abdominal work and a cool-down.

Participants will need to bring a mat or a towel and wear comfortable athletic shoes and clothing.

Classes run Mondays and Wednesdays, from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. The first class started Dec. 6 and runs through Jan. 12.

Registration is at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St. Fees are \$24 for residents and \$31 for non-residents. Fees will be pro-rated, but space is limited.

Volunteers sought to make ice at rink

Rutland Recreation and Parks Department is recruiting adults 21 and over interested in volunteering to help make ice this winter in Giorgetti Skating rink.

Training and supervision will be provided. Hours will vary depending on the weather. Primarily (and weather permitting) ice making will be done Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and possibly other nights after the rink has closed for skating.

If interested, call Leif Dahlin at the Recreation Department at 773-1822.

Gym times

The Dana Recreation Gym is holding open gym time for men and women, ages 18 and over, from January to March. Men's times are Tuesdays 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. and women's times are Mondays 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853.

ORGANIZATIONS

Duplicate Bridge

Rutland, Marble Valley, Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Godnick Center, Deer Street, 7:15 p.m., for information call Jean Seward at 773-9436.

Play Chess/Checkers

Rutland, Play chess and checkers at Dana Recreation Center, 39 Center St., 7-9 p.m., free, all levels welcome.

Recreation Dept. has Yoga classes

The Rutland Recreation Department is offering Hatha Yoga classes with instructor Bob Holden.

Each class begins with a brief period of meditation, followed by warm-up exercises and holding of yoga postures. The final 15 minutes of class is spent in deep relaxation.

Both classes are open to beginners and will also provide a challenge for those with previous knowledge of Yoga postures. The two seven-week sessions will be held Wednesdays from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m.

Session I will run from Jan. 5 through Feb. 16.

Session II will run from Feb. 23 through April 5.

The registration fee is \$38 for residents, \$45 for non-residents. The deadline for a discount for Session I is Dec. 29; the discount deadline for Session II is Feb. 16. Registration is ongoing at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853.



Chris Harvey recently moved Fly By Day Cyclery to 63 Center St. in Rutland. Winter hours are on Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday the shop is open a couple of hours around midday. Appointments can be made by calling 775-2696.

Fly By Day cycles downtown

By TOM MITCHELL
Herald Staff

Striving to better serve the area's growing numbers of bicycle riders, Fly By Day Cyclery has moved to a new location at 58 Center St. that should provide a higher profile.

The shop caters to all levels of riders, from the more casual recreational rider to the hard-core road or mountain bike athlete, said Chris Harvey, who runs the business with partner Gretchen Fry.

In its first year, the business operated in a more remote venue on West Street, removed from the downtown. Within a week of opening at its new spot, the move brought much greater demand for repair work, Harvey said. "You get more walk-ins," he said. And people are still learning about the new location, he said.

Customers can purchase complete bikes or a particular type of frame with component parts.

They can buy a steel frame, for example, and then choose the individual parts they want, from brakes to a drive train.

A lanky 20-something with bright eyes and close-cropped hair, Harvey talks quickly and keenly about his trade. He and Fry were drawn to the business by their love of cycling.

"I just like to ride bikes and turn on other people to people to riding bikes. And I like fixing people's bikes," Harvey said.

Part of the know-how involves matching the size of bike and rider. Harvey also took a training course in Colorado after working at repair shops locally and in Hawaii. He found mountain bike riding in Hawaii similar to Vermont with "a lot of rocks and roots on the trail."

Sales at Fly By Day generally centers helping people select a high-quality mountain bike or

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Fly By Day cycles

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road bike.

Prices of those bikes start at \$300 and go up. Harvey said he would eventually stock the Jamis Nova, a cycle cross bike that sells in the \$600-plus range with knobby tires popular for short loop racing. The shop sells the Jamis and Bianchi brands.

There is also a special cruising bike with one speed on sale for \$150. Eventually, the shop will have motocross bikes for use on special courses with jumps.

The shop has accessories, including a special variety of lubricating fluids, air pumps and shoes that will hook to a bike pedal.

With bicycling steadily catching on in the area, spurred by recreational and mountain biking at Killington, along with area road and mountain races, the needs for equipment and repair has ballooned, Harvey said. "There is a lot of cycling in the area."

Even though there are several

other bike shops in the Rutland area, Harvey felt local offerings in terms of service and equipment were limited. People are inclined to go to Ludlow or Manchester to do bicycle shopping, Harvey said. The long-term goal for the shop will be something similar to Mountain Psychology, a very complete shop.

Though late fall may not be a prime time for bike sales and service, Harvey will keep busy in part by lining up tune-up work. "We are very much looking forward to this coming spring," Harvey said of the season when biking activities start to heat up again.

For now, the shop will operate limited regular hours on Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. On other weekdays, they try to be there each day when they can, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Having finished a 30-mile mountain bike race in New Hampshire earlier this fall, Harvey talked about

doing some winter hiking this year while he unpacked gear following the recent move.

Because of the harshness of the weather, winter bike riding draws only a very few. "It's kind of cold, hard on the rider," he said. Two days a week this winter, Harvey plans to commute 15 miles by bike between the shop and Mountain Meadows cross-country ski area, where he is starting in his seasonal ski technician job.

Harvey will also work this winter to convince the Rutland Recreation Department to sponsor weekly motocross races on a dirt track in the summer.

Santa making calls to kids on Tuesday

The Rutland Recreation Department has made special arrangements with the telephone operators at the North Pole to transfer calls from Santa to Rutland City youths.

To receive a call from Santa, parents are asked to complete a special form at the recreation office by Monday, Dec. 13.

Santa will make his call to children Tuesday, Dec. 14, between the hours of 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

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ORGANIZATIONS

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Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

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Aerobics courses starting in January

Aerobics classes with Susan Classen, Mary Lou Thompson and Jerilyn Valente will held Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 6 to 7 p.m., in a winter session which will run from Jan. 4 through March 23.

The classes, sponsored by the Rutland Recreation and Parks Department, will be held in Dana Room 33.

This class is for beginners through advanced, with modifications for each level. Classes are open to adults and will consist of a 10-minute warm-up, an aerobic/step segment, strength work, abdominal work and a cool-down.

Participants will need to bring a mat or a towel and wear comfortable athletic shoes and clothing.

The registration fee is \$48 for residents, and \$55 for non-residents. There is a \$5 discount for registrations received by Dec. 24.

The Dana Recreation Center, located at 39 East Center St., is open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Chess is available Thursday at Dana

The Chess Club meets every Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m., under the direction of Hank Vergi, and offers people the chance to learn and play.

The program is on-going throughout the year. There is no fee, and it is open to all ages.

Meetings are held at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., Room 11.

Play Chess And Checkers
Rutland, Play chess and checkers at Dana Recreation Center, 39 Center St., 7-9 p.m., free, all levels welcome.

Friday

THINGS TO DO

Party Bridge
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Women's Nutrition and Wellness

The Rutland Recreation Department is sponsoring the Women's Nutrition & Wellness series to help you get a jump on the New Year. Discover the benefits of a nutrition and wellness program that will bring you into the millennium feeling energized, fit and looking your best. Mary Bilts are registered dietitian with a Masters in Nutrition Science

conducts this series. You will be introduced to aromatherapy, yoga and stress reduction techniques. Wednesdays 1/12/00-2/16/00, 6 weeks, 6:00-7:00 PM. Residents fee \$65.00. Non-residents fee \$72.00. Sign up at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center Street, week-days from 8:30-5:00 p.m.

Giorgetti ice rink to open next week

The Giorgetti ice rink on Preville Avenue will open Thursday, Jan. 6, weather permitting, the Rutland Recreation Department said.

It will be operated Thursdays and Fridays from 3 to 9 p.m., Saturdays from 1 to 9 p.m., and Sundays from 1 to 8 p.m.

Admission is 50 cents for those under age 18 and \$1 for adults. Some skates are available to rent for \$1. A food concession will be open.

For updates on openings and closings, call the rink at 775-5976. An incorrect number was listed in Thursday's Herald.

Skating lessons held at Giorgetti

The Rutland Recreation Department will offer skating lessons at Giorgetti Park, designed to work with youth skaters of all abilities.

With skating you need to check age and skill levels to find the right one for your child.

Please remember that the skater needs snug-fitting skates, no double blades, please. Don't forget to dress for the cold temperatures.

Tots are encouraged to wear helmets. Courses offered will be Saturdays, Jan. 8 through Feb. 5 for Tots (2-4), Pre-Alpha, Alpha & Beta. Fees are: (Tots) residents, \$15 and non-residents, \$22. (Pre-Alpha, Alpha & Beta) residents, \$25 and non-residents, \$32.

Level descriptions, lesson time and registration forms are available at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., Rutland, weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Exercise class will be based on energy

The Rutland Recreation Department, under the instruction of Carolyn Altieri, will conduct a six-week program on "Energy Exercise" Tuesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Dana Recreation Center.

The program will run from Jan. 18 through Feb. 29. This unique and easy series of non-aerobic movements based on the idea of energy and encouraging calmness, vitality and health, can increase flexibility, strength, physical and emotional tension release, improved digestive/elimination, deeper breathing, better posture and a "brighter" outlook.

Fees are \$25 for residents and \$32 for non-residents. A \$5 discount will be offered through Jan. 12.

Included in this program will be instruction drawn from the polarity energy model of Dr. Randolph Stone and expanded to include principals of Kinesiology.

Registration at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Rec Department winter programs

The Rutland Recreation Department is offering its winter line-up of programs.

"Totnastics" will be held Saturdays from 9 to 10 a.m., and "Gymnastics" will follow from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Northwest School.

Session I is from Jan. 8 through Feb. 12, and Session II is from Feb. 19 through March 25.

In Totnastics, children will develop motor skills through physical activities such as tag, ball games, new games and parachute play. This program is geared to children from 3 to 4 years old.

The Gymnastics program is open to ages 5 through 8.

Registration is ongoing weekdays at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., Rutland, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Women's health Series starts soon

The Rutland Recreation Department is sponsoring the Women's Nutrition & Wellness series to help you get a jump on the new year.

Discover the benefits of a nutrition and wellness program that will bring you into the millennium feeling energized, fit and looking your best.

Mary Bilts, a registered dietitian with a master's degree in nutrition science, conducts the series. The program covers the latest research on foods that enhance women's health and includes instruction for a strength-training and aerobic program you will be able to practice at home.

Learn how to separate fact from fiction in the area of herbs supplements andfad diets. You will be introduced to aromatherapy, yoga and stress-reduction techniques.

The course will run from Jan. 12 through Feb. 16, Wednesdays, from 6 to 7 p.m.

The fee for residents is \$65, non-residents \$72.

Sign up continues at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Energy Exercise will begin Jan. 18

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This easy series of non-aerobic movements based on the idea of energy and encouraging calmness, vitality and health, can increase flexibility, strength, physical and emotional tension release, improved digestive/elimination, deeper breathing, better posture and a brighter outlook.

Fees are \$25 for residents and \$32 for non-residents. A \$5 discount will be offered through Jan. 12.

Included in this program will be instruction drawn from the polarity energy model of Dr. Randolph Stone, and expanded to include principles of kinesiology and particularly Edu-K, the effective brain integration therapy developed by Paul Dennison.

Register at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Giorgetti ice rink to open next week

The Giorgetti ice rink on Preville Avenue will open Thursday, Jan. 6, weather permitting, according to the Rutland Recreation Department.

It will be operated Thursdays and Fridays from 3 to 9 p.m., Saturdays from 1 to 9 p.m., and Sundays from 1 to 8 p.m.

Admission is 50 cents for those under age 18 and \$1 for adults. Some skates are available to rent for \$1. A food concession will be open.

For updates on openings and closings, call the rink at 775-7946.

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853.

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Rotary Preschool still seeks students

The Rutland City Recreation Department's state licensed Rotary Preschool Program has limited openings in its ongoing Rotary Preschool Program.

The 4-year-old program is held on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays, and the 3-year-old program is on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The Rotary Preschool Program, with Jane Brown and Joan McIntosh has an excellent reputation for helping children to develop readiness skills for kindergarten while developing a positive attitude towards school. Children will be involved in games, songs, stories, projects and much more.

Fees will be pro-rated for the rest of the school year. Please stop by the Recreation office located at 39 East Center St., Rutland, for an informational/registration packet.

Parent and Child program running

The Rutland Recreation Department continues to offer its Parent and Child program on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m., starting Jan. 4 and ending June 15.

This program is open for children from birth to age 6, and is offered at no cost.

Children and peers socialize with peers in a facilitated play-based environment, and share experiences and fun. No registration is required for this program, just come and enjoy.

The program is held in Room 13 at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., Rutland.

Kids' gymnastics still has openings

The Rutland Recreation Department announced there are still a few openings in its gymnastics and totnastics program with Jim Lehman on Saturdays.

Session I begins Jan. 8 and ends Feb. 12.

Totnastics is for ages 3 and 4, and runs from 9 to 10 a.m. Gymnastics is for ages 5-8, and will be held from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Both are at Northwest School.

A second session of each will be held from Feb. 19 through March 25. The gymnastics fee for residents is \$23, \$30 for non-residents; the totnastics fee is \$22 for residents, \$29 for non-residents.

Registration is ongoing at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., Rutland.

For further information, contact the recreation office at 773-1822.

ORGANIZATIONS

Duplicate Bridge

Rutland, Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Godnick Center, Deer Street, 7:15 p.m., for information call Jean Seward at 773-0436.

Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

First Night

Rutland, The 10th First Night celebration, a substance-free, community celebration of the New Year through the arts, features more than 90 performances and special events for all ages, begins at 3 p.m., \$10 button, children 5 and under free, fireworks at 8 p.m. and midnight, for information call Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce at 773-2747.

Party Bridge

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ORGANIZATIONS

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City can't suppress political commentary at parade

By KEVIN O'CONNOR
Herald Staff

Rutland Halloween Parade floats with political statements may scare city aldermen, but they can't be banned from haunting downtown streets.

The 11-member board voiced concern last year after one float laughed at city financial boondoggles and an-

other seriously attacked several local and state leaders as corrupt.

But city Recreation Superintendent Leif Dahlin, having conferred with lawyers, told aldermen Monday they couldn't mask social commentary in the city-sponsored parade.

"It appears the city as a municipal-ity cannot specifically regulate and or

jury what and who will be in the parade without jeopardizing constitutional rights and free speech," Dahlin said in a letter to the board.

"We cannot restrict participation by anyone we may not want in the parade for whatever reason unless they do not meet registration deadlines," Dahlin wrote.

The Rutland High School Art Club sparked aldermen's concern last Halloween after rolling out a 7-foot-tall dung beetle decorated with price tags representing the city's \$17 million transit center and state's proposed \$1 billion gas plant.

Another float by the Resurrection Ranch of Clarendon elicited stronger

criticism for naming several local state and national leaders as corrupt.

At the time, a Resurrection Ranch spokeswoman said she would take the city to court if it tried to ban such floats.

On Monday, Dahlin said parade or-

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Parade

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ganizers would instead "continue to impress upon prospective participants the purpose, spirit and intent of the parade."

"Bottom line is it appears beyond encouraging and asking prospective participants to stick with a tasteful Halloween theme that is relatively free of political, religious or other messages there is little that can and will be done to regulate and/or jury parade entries," Dahlin wrote.

In other business Monday, aldermen:

♦ Voted to drop the city's sewer connection fee for a year in hopes of building its property tax base for years to come.

Local voters rejected a request last month to raise the city's tax cap by 10 cents to 95 cents per \$100 of property. As a result, Mayor John Cassarino and aldermen, facing cuts in city services and staff, are brainstorming other ways to raise revenue.

The city has reaped an average of \$34,107 annually in sewer connection fees over the past five years, with

61 percent from commercial development and 39 percent from residential.

Aldermen approved a recommendation from its Charter and Ordinance Committee to drop the one-time fee — a new homeowner pays about \$1,800 — in hopes of spurring more construction and, in turn, more property taxes.

♦ Tapped \$14,665 in money from a Diamond Run Mall development deal to pay for downtown Depot Park improvements including \$11,065 for brick walkways, \$2,400 for plantings and \$1,200 for a sign.

♦ Unanimously approved a mayoral recommendation to appoint Darlene Gregory as new city clerk beginning May 1.

♦ Honored Rosemary Finley for her 25 years of work at City Hall, the past 17 as clerk.

The mayor proclaimed the retiring clerk's last day this Friday as Rosemary Finley Day, state Rep. Cheryl Hooker read a legislative resolution and aldermen offered a ceremonial

key to the city.

"You're not going to be happy until you make me cry," said Finley, tearfully thanking even office patrons who complained.

"They've made it easier to leave," she said.

♦ Honored Edward Reiman for nine years of service on the city Police Commission, the last seven as chairman.

♦ Appointed John Facey, Peter Giancola, Joe Tilden and Kathleen Valente to the Planning Commission and Mike Brookman, Andrea Hubbard MacLauchlan and Steve Reilly to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

They also appointed Mary Nemeth and Albert Trepanier to the Police Commission; Shaun Branon and Julie Herlihy to the Rutland Redevelopment Authority; Stephen Pfening to a town service officer; Michael Durkin to the Board of Health and Kenneth Hart to the Cemetery Commission.

Pick Up Volleyball

The Rutland Recreation Department has scheduled Tuesdays at Msgr. Connor Park for pick-up Volleyball games



from 6 PM to dusk. The program will run from mid May through mid September. Have some fun along with exercise and keep those

skills sharp! The program is open to anyone interested. There isn't any registration or fee — just show up.

City must safeguard Pine Hill Park

In May 1921 a certain parcel of land located in the northwest section of Rutland City known as Pine Hill Park and containing 275 acres was given by former Rutland Mayor Henry O. Carpenter to the city of Rutland. Use of this land as stipulated in the deed was "for recreational purposes by the public, unto it the said City of Rutland and its successors."

A one-mile gravel road connects the northern end of Evergreen Avenue across city-owned Pine Hill Park to a point 100 yards from Rocky Pond, Rocky Pond and Muddy Pond, although within city limits, are owned by the Rutland Country Club. It is this portion of underdeveloped land, some 125 acres, that attorney William Meub wants to purchase from the Country Club while requesting an easement from the city of Rutland for an access road to the area through Pine Hill Park.

In 1954 when Rocky Pond was opened as a recreational area, Mayor Dan Healy applauded those responsible for its development and emphasized the significance of "this beautiful park that the people of Rutland may further enjoy in the future."

In 1996 Mayor Jeff Wennberg toured the area of Rocky and Muddy Ponds trying to strike a deal with the Country Club that would maintain preservation of the area for future public recreational use.

The beauty of the landscape

in this pristine setting is one of the principal natural resources of the state. The area abounds with fish, wild game, and birds. There are hiking and biking trails, snowshoeing, and cross country skiing, all located within city limits.

Conservation of recreational opportunity afforded by the woodland and ponds here, and protection of the beauty of the landscape are matters of public good. Uses that threaten or inhibit these resources should be permitted only when the public interest is clearly benefited.

An area of residential growth requires utilities and services continuing capital investment to pay for these services, fire and police protection. Location and rate of development must also be considered to determine impact on the community. Any activity or project that impose burdens or deprivations on the communities cannot be justified on the basis of local benefit alone.

A clear message has already been sent to the Board of Aldermen by an overwhelming majority of local residents who are vehemently opposed to attorney Meub's proposal and adamant in their belief that the natural environment must be preserved. Purchase and control of this land by Rutland City would be the most viable alternative and in the best overall interests of its citizens.

PAUL J. CROSSMAN JR.
Rutland

Basketball camps

There will be two basketball camps in western Vermont in July under the direction of Green Mountain College men's basketball coach Matt Dempsey.

The first camp is the Eagles Hoop Camp for girls entering grades 3-8. It will be held at Castleton Elementary School from July 10 to July 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Fair Haven Basketball Camp will be at Fair Haven Union High School from July 17 to July 21 for boys entering grades 3-8.

The instructors will include staff and guest lecturers.

The camp fee is \$80. For registration or more information contact Dempsey at 802-287-8242 or send check directly to: Matt Dempsey, Box 40, Green Mountain College, Poulton, Vt. 05764.

Rec volleyball

The Rutland Recreation Department has scheduled Tuesdays at Msgr. Connor Park for pick-up volleyball games from 6 p.m. to dusk. There is no registration or fee necessary.

Skate park hours

Zero Gravity Skate Park is now open with spring school hours of 3-9 p.m. on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, noon to 9 p.m. on Saturdays and noon to 6 on Sundays.

Kiwanis bike rodeo set in city Saturday

The Rutland City Kiwanis Club, in conjunction with the Rutland Recreation Department, will host the Seventh Annual Bike Rodeo in Main Street Park on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The first 100 registrants will receive a free bike helmet. All bikes will be repaired and registered. A safety program and obstacle course will be held.

Hot dogs and soda will be available. Everything is free. The bike rodeo will be held rain or shine.

Hoop camps

The Rutland Recreation Department will host boys and girls basketball camps this summer with Green Mountain College men's coach Matt Dempsey and Mount St. Joseph Academy boys jayvee coach Jeff Paul as the directors.

Boys entering grades 7-9 will have a camp June 19-23; boys entering grades 4-6 will have their camp June 26-30; girls entering grades 7-9 have a camp July 17-21. The fee for these camps is \$77 for residents and \$84 for non-residents.

Girls entering grades 4-6 have their camp July 24-28 with the fee set at \$45 for residents and \$52 for non-residents.

Rutland Historical Society



Staff Photos by Albert J. Marro

Spring greening

Members of the Rutland Garden Club spent Thursday sprucing up Depot Park in downtown Rutland, transplanting old plants and adding new varieties. Above, D.J. Hammond weeds around the established plants at the park. At right, Carol Kenlan transplants a rugosa rosebush. Below, Brenda Isaacs rakes mulch around one of the revamped flower beds. She is civic beautification chairwoman for the Rutland Garden Club.



Adult Softball

Men's C: Midas/Mr. C's 13, Friar's 1
Men's C: Vitoz 13, Feds 7
Men's B: Olie's 16, Jilly's Renegades 4
Men's D: Jilly's vs. Tyler's Team

5-7

Adult Softball

Women's B: vs. B.E. McGee 15, Two Sheas 14
Women's B: Jilly's vs. Friar's/Over Easy, ppd.
Women's B: FH Fitness/Ballard's 14, Wayne's Autobody 8
Women's C: Jilly's vs. Red Moon, MS 8:50 p.m.
Women's C: Cass' Pub vs. Andrea's Pizza, ppd.
Men's B: Jilly's Renegades vs. Palms, ppd.
Men's D: A Crust Above 13, Jilly's 8

5-6

Friday's Games

Men's C: Friar's vs. Midas/Mr. C's, JFC
Men's C: Feds vs. Vitoz, MF
Men's B: Jilly's Renegades vs. Olie's, GIO
Men's D: Jilly's vs. Tyler's Team, MS, 6:30 p.m.

Adult Softball

Monday, May 15

Women's B: Jilly's Roadrunners vs. B.E. McGee, MS 7:40 p.m.
Women's C: Jilly's Bottom Fifth vs. Cass' Pub, MN
Women's C: Olie's Girls vs. Olliewood, MS 6:30 p.m.
Men's B: Jilly's Dogs vs. Nailers, MS 8:50 p.m.
Men's B: Olie's vs. Jilly's, GIO
Men's D: Center St. Saloonatics vs. Stoplight, JFC
Men's D: Brahma Bulls vs. Jilly's, MF

Adult Softball 5-17

Women's B: Wayne's Autobody vs. Jilly's Jags, MS 7:40 p.m.
Women's C: Jilly's Pounders vs. Red Moon, MN
Men's B: Parker's Classic vs. Jilly's Renegades, MS 8:50 p.m.
Men's B: Brownstone I vs. Palms, GIO
Men's D: Speedi Lube vs. A Crust Above, JFC
Men's D: VAC vs. Bison Construction, MF
Men's C: Jilly's Devils vs. Midas/Mr. C's, MS 6:30 p.m.

Adult Softball

Women's B: Jilly's vs. FH Fitness/Ballard's, MS 7:40 p.m.
Women's C: Andrea's Pizza vs. Ryan, Smith & Carbine, MN
Men's B: Dart Marl vs. Keith's II/Jilly's, MS 8:50 p.m.
Men's B: Jilly's Roughnecks vs. Muck's/Replay Sports, GIO
Men's D: Sanborn's Paint vs. Buccaneers, JFC
Men's D: American Legion vs. Two Sheas, MF
Men's C: Feds vs. Friar's, MS 6:30 p.m.

5-7

Adult Softball
Women's C: Ryan, Smith and Carbine 17, Andrea's Village Pizza 3
Men's B: Jilly's Roughnecks 15, Muckenschnabel's 15
Men's D: Buccaneers 9, Sanborn's 7
Men's D: Two Sheas 17, American Legion 12

Adult Softball

Women's B: Two Sheas vs. Friar's/Over Easy, MF 7:40 p.m.
Women's C: Sweet Tomatoes vs. Zemo's, MN
Men's B: Cass' Carey's Auto vs. Brownstone II, GIO
Men's D: Tyler's Team vs. All Lines, JFC
Men's C: Mago's vs. Jilly's, MS 6:30 p.m.
Men's C: Vitoz vs. Olie's, MS 7:40 p.m.

Golf

5-18

Diving class

The Rutland Recreation Department is again offering a Springboard Diving Class that will run from June 19 from 10:30-11:15 a.m. The cost is \$10 for residents and \$17 for non-residents.

The classes are designed for the beginning level.
Register at the Dana Recreation Center on East Center Street.

Waiting for a chill



Staff Photo by Vyto Starinukas

The gate is locked at the Giorgetti Park skating rink, which will not open Jan. 6. Warm weather has delayed the opening until at least Jan. 13, according to the Rutland Recreation Department, which hopes to start lessons Saturday, Jan. 15. For more information, call the Recreation Department at 773-1822.

Energy Exercises will start Jan. 18

The Rutland Recreation Department is offering through instructor Carolyn Altieri a unique, effective, easy series of non-aerobic movements based on the idea that free-flowing energy creates vitality and health.

This is a non-straining, do-what-you-can-do, step-by-step approach that honors an individual's particular circumstances of build, stamina and flexibility. Force is never used.

Simplistic yet powerful, "Energy Exercises" can result in such health-building outcomes as increased flexibility and strength, physical and emotional tension release, improved digestion/elimination, deeper breathing, better posture, a brighter outlook, and much more.

Bring a mat or blanket and wear comfortable clothing.

Recreation Dept. seeking programs

If you have a special talent and would like to teach a program/course for the Rutland Recreation Department, please contact either EJay Bishop or Leif Dahlin with your proposal.

Call the recreation office at 773-1822 to set up an appointment to discuss your idea. We know there is a lot of talent in the area and are hoping you would like to share it with us.

The department would like to offer programs at a reasonable rate to give participants a taste of your particular talent.

We are also looking for program ideas from the public, additional programs, courses and events you would like to see offered by the department. Write or call with your suggestions.

ORGANIZATIONS

Duplicate Bridge

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Play Chess/Checkers

Rutland, Play chess and checkers at Dana Recreation Center, 39 Center St., 7-9 p.m., free, all levels welcome.

Rink at Giorgetti is unable to open

The eternal January thaw has made it impossible to provide ice skating at Giorgetti Skating Rink, according to Rutland Recreation Department officials.

Only a sustained cold snap will allow the rink to open.

Skating lessons have once again been backed up a week, with another start date tentatively scheduled for Jan. 22. Time is running out for the skating season. If a sustained cold snap doesn't happen soon, the rink may not open this season.

For more information call the Recreation Department at 773-1822.

Pitching clinic

The Rutland Recreation Department will hold free pitching clinics for those aged 10-13, and 14 and older. The clinic for younger pitchers will be held on Thursdays from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., with clinics for the older group on Fridays from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. All sessions will be held at the Dana Recreation Center and will be given by Mount St. Joseph Academy baseball coach Wayne Charron. Sessions will be held from Feb. 10 through March 3. Mandatory preregistration is being held at the recreation center on weekdays between 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Godnick Center has line dancing

The Godnick Adult Center is offering Line Dancing to be taught by Mary-Anne and Mario Liguori on Fridays at 10 a.m., beginning Jan. 14.

They will teach traditional, ballroom and western line dances. This first class is an introductory class and is free of charge.

After the introductory class, the fee is \$2 per lesson, payable at the time of class. Pre-registration is not required.

Aerobics course starting up Jan. 17

The Rutland Recreation Department is offering a second aerobics class, for beginners through advanced, with modification for each level.

Susan Classen, Mary Lou Thompson and Jerilyn Valente teach this popular aerobics class. Class will consist of a 10-minute warm-up, an aerobic/step segment, strength work, abdominal work and a cool-down.

Participants will need to bring a mat or towel, and wear comfortable athletic shoes and clothing. Class size is limited. The class will run from Monday, Jan. 17, to Wednesday, March 22, from 6 to 7 p.m.

Sign up is at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St. Call 773-1822 for more information.

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Tomorrow

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Play Chess/Checkers

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Party Bridge

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AARP will meet at Senior Center

The American Association of Retired Persons will hold a meeting at 1:30 p.m. today at the Godnick Senior Center on Deer Street, Rutland.

The guest speaker will be AARP representative Pete Kelly. Coffee will be served.

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Party Bridge

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Pitching clinic

The Rutland Recreation Department has openings in its Baseball Pitching clinics, which will be given by Mount Saint Joseph baseball coach Wayne Charron. The free clinics are for youths aged 10-13 and 14 and older and will begin on Feb. 10.

For more information call the Rutland Recreation Department at 773-1822.

Making ice ¹⁻²⁴ Historical Society



Staff Photo by Christian Widenwake

Jeff Pratt of the Rutland City Recreation and Parks Department takes advantage of the cold temperatures to make ice at the Giorgetti Ice Skating Rink on Friday. Workers will be making ice around the clock this weekend in hopes of opening by next weekend providing the temperatures stay below freezing.

Vacation? Spend it at camp ¹⁻¹⁸⁻⁸⁰

The Rutland Recreation Department offers February Vacation Camp from Feb. 21 through Feb. 25.

The camp promises "non-stop fun" and activities for children in kindergarten through sixth grade. The program will run Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Extended hours — from 8 to 9 a.m. and from 3 to 5 p.m. — will be available for an additional fee.

The program is open to all area students.

Signup is being held at the Dana Recreation Center, located at 39 East Center St., between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Camp costs \$53 for residents, \$60 for non-residents. There is a \$5 discount for anyone who signs up before Feb. 11.

Call 773-1822 for more information.

Giorgetti skating rink opens today ¹⁻²⁰

The recent extended cold spell will allow the Giorgetti Park ice rink to open today.

Warm weather has kept the rink closed so far this winter.

This year the rink on Preville Avenue will operate from Thursdays through Sundays as follows: Thursdays and Fridays, 3 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 1 to 9 p.m.; Sundays, 1 to 8 p.m.

Free skating is offered from Jan. 20 through Jan. 23.

Lessons will begin Saturday, Jan. 22, at their regularly scheduled hours.

Admission will be charged beginning Thursday, Jan. 27 as follows: Admission is 50 cents for children (under age 18) and \$1 for adults.

Some rentals are available for \$1; skate sizes vary.

The concession stand will offer hot chocolate, soda, coffee, hot dogs and potato chips.

More morning aerobics offered ¹⁻²⁴

The Rutland Recreation Department is offering a second morning aerobics class suitable for beginners through advanced, with modification for each level.

Susan Classen and Mary Ellen Conlon teach this aerobics class. Class will consist of a 10-minute warm-up, an aerobic/step segment, strength work, abdominal work and a cool-down.

Participants will need to bring a mat or towel, and wear comfortable athletic shoes and clothing. This class is limited in size. The class will run from Monday, Jan. 31, to Wednesday, Feb. 23, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Fees are \$16 for residents, \$23 for non-residents. The registration deadline for a \$5 discount is Jan. 26. Register at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Easy sliders ¹⁻²⁴



Staff Photo by Margo Smith

Michael McCloud, 9, stands on his snowboard and tries to keep up with his friend, Ethan Turner, 9, on a plastic saucer Sunday afternoon on the hill next to the Giorgetti Skating Rink in Rutland. The snow cover could have been a little better, but the temperatures moderated from the frigid, sub-zero cold of the past few days. Nonetheless, the boys enjoyed a great afternoon and went home rosy-cheeked.

Party Bridge ¹⁻³⁰
Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853.



Staff Photos by Christian Wideawake

Open for the season

Christopher Ackley, 8, of Rutland (above) races around the Giorgetti Skating Rink on Friday. Brittany Pelkey, 4, of Rutland (right) skates into the arms of her grandmother, Valerie Malmgren. The rink, which officially opened on Thursday, is free to the public today and Sunday. Regular admission is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children. The rink is open Thursday and Friday from 3 to 9 p.m., Saturday from 1 to 9 p.m., and Sunday from 1 to 8 p.m.



1/22

Play Chess/Checkers 1-30
Rutland, Play chess and checkers at Dana Recreation Center, 39 Deer St., 7-9 p.m., free, all levels welcome.

Friday, Feb. 4
Party Bridge 1-30
Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853.

Party Bridge
Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, call 773-1853. 2/25

THINGS TO DO
Ballroom Dance 2/18
Rutland, Rutland Ballroom Dance Club holds ballroom dance at the Godnick Adult Center, One Deer St., 7:30-11 p.m., all types of dance music, \$5; non-members, \$8, door prizes, refreshments, bring new couple and one gets in free, call 773-6971.

Party Bridge
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Duplicate Bridge
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Party Bridge
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County Journal

Try tango class^{2/17} in Rutland today

The Godnick Adult Center will hold an introduction class on the Argentine tango Monday, Feb. 7, at 8:45 p.m.

This introduction class will focus on teaching the basics of this most romantic, elegant and passionate social partner dance. Tango is more than a dance, it's a physical communication without words, a non-competitive social dance with its roots in Argentina and experiencing a big comeback in popularity all around the world for the last decade.

The instructor is Gerd Hirschmann, who also teaches classes to a growing community of tango lovers in Burlington. He has been studying this dance for several years now, mostly in New York City and in Buenos Aires on an extended trip to study with the old masters and experience this dance at its origin.

This first class is free and open to all. The Godnick Center is located at 1 Deer St., off Woodstock Avenue.

For more information call 773-1853.

Friday

2/4 THINGS TO DO

Party Bridge
Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, for information call 773-1853.

Party Bridge 2/8
Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, call 773-1853.

THINGS TO DO

Party Bridge
Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, call 773-1853. 2/17

Totnastics has some openings^{2/14}

The Rutland Recreation Department still has a few openings in Session 2 of the Tot and Gym Programs with Jim Lehman on Saturdays at Northwest School.

Totnastics is for ages 3 and 4, and runs from 9 to 10 a.m. Gymnastics is for ages 5 to 8, and will be held from

A graceful slip



Staff Photo by Albert J. Marro
Kaylee Johnson shows near-perfect form while slipping at the Giorgetti skating rink in Rutland City last weekend.

County Journal

Giorgetti Ice Rink is open for skating

Giorgetti Ice Rink is open regular hours from Thursdays through Sundays as follows: Thursdays and Fridays, from 3 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, from 1 to 9 p.m.; and Sundays from 1 to 8 p.m.

The week of Feb. 21 (school vacation week), extended hours will be Thursday and Friday from 1 to 9 p.m.

Admission for adults (18 and up) is \$1 a day. For children under 18, the cost is 50 cents a day. Some skates are available to rent for \$. A food concession is open.

The phone number for Giorgetti is 775-7976.

Hatha Yoga class will start Feb. 23

The Rutland Recreation Department is again offering a Hatha Yoga Class with instructor Bob Holden.

This class will begin with a brief period of meditation, followed by warm-up exercises and the holding of Yoga postures. The final 15 minutes of class is spent in deep relaxation.

This class is open to beginners and will also provide a challenge for those with previous knowledge of Yoga postures.

The class will run Wednesdays, Feb. 23 through April 5, from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. in Room 13 at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St. Registration fees for residents are \$38, for non-residents, \$45. Register at the center weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Argentine Tango classes returning

The Godnick Adult Center announced that participation was so good at the introduction class on Argentine Tango that it will offer four more classes beginning Monday, Feb. 21, at 9 p.m.

The classes will focus on teaching the basics of this most romantic, elegant and passionate social partner dance.

The instructor is Gerd Hirschmann, who also teaches classes to a growing community of Tango lovers in Burlington. He has been studying this dance for several years now, mostly in New York City and in Buenos Aires, on an extended trip to study with the old masters and experience this dance at its origin.

The fee is \$3 per class and is open to the public. The Godnick Center is located at 1 Deer St., off Woodstock Avenue. For more information call 773-1853.

Volunteers to help fill out tax returns

Do you need assistance preparing a basic tax return? If so, Internal Revenue Service-trained volunteers at 83 Vermont sites can help.

"Each year the IRS trains groups of volunteers to prepare basic tax returns for free," said Steve Daige, IRS district director.

"Once training has been completed, the volunteers set up sites within their community to assist older individuals, those with disabilities, or non-English speaking taxpayers with tax return preparation."

Taxpayers who plan to visit a site must bring along their 1999 tax package, W-2 statements, Form 1099 bank interest and dividend statements, and a copy of last year's (1998) tax return.

Accurate Social Security numbers are also required for anyone listed on the tax return — the taxpayer, spouse and any dependents being claimed.

Tax volunteers can be found in Rutland County at the Godnick Adult Center on Deer Street, Rutland, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., through April 15 (by appointment only, call 777-1853); or at the American Legion Post 31 at 33 Washington St., Rutland, weekdays from 9 a.m. to noon, through April 10.

'Les Miserables' bus trip is planned

The Godnick Adult Center is sponsoring a bus trip to see "Les Miserables" on March 28 at Proctor's Theater in Schenectady, N.Y.

Around the globe, night after night, tens of thousands of people are swept away by the power, the passion and the triumph of the human spirit that is "Les Miserables." Based on Victor Hugo's classic novel, it is the epic musical story of the fugitive Jean Valjean, who is pitted against the cruel and self-righteous Inspector Javert in a lifelong struggle to evade capture.

The fee of \$65 is due at time of registration and includes transportation and the show. A dinner stop at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant is on your own.

The bus departs from the center at 4 p.m. and returns at approximately 12:30 a.m. For more information call 773-1853.

ORGANIZATIONS

Duplicate Bridge

Rutland, Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Godnick Center, Deer Street, 7-15 p.m., for information call Jean Seward at 773-9436.

Free chess lesson

The Rutland Recreation Department's Chess Club is offering a free chess lesson on Thursday, March 23.

The lesson will start at 6 p.m. and will last up to three hours. All ages are welcome.

Come to the Dana Center and learn chess.

Softball rosters

Rosters for the Rutland Recreation and Parks Department softball league are due on March 27. Rosters are available at the Recreation Office located at 39 East Center Street. They will not be accepted before the 27th.

The rosters must be filled out completely and returned with the due fees.

For more information call 773-1822.

Co-ed softball

Anyone interested in forming a Rutland Recreation Department co-ed softball league should attend a meeting held at the Dana Recreation Center on March 7.

Play Chess/Checkers

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'Play With Clay' next six Tuesdays

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department will sponsor "Play With Clay" at Creative Space, 20 Merchants Row. Instructor Helvi Abatiell will teach participants how to balance the relationship between a student and their clay.

Various methods will be discussed,

shown and taught.

The class is designed for ages 5 and up, and runs Tuesdays, March 7 through April 11, from 6 to 8 p.m.

The fee is \$90 for residents, and \$97 for non-residents. Register at the Dana Center, 39 East Center St., weekdays from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Friday

THINGS TO DO

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, call 773-1853. 3/24

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Two dance classes at Godnick Center

The Godnick Adult Center announced two new dance classes with Mary Anne and Mario Liguori, who have taught dance for 25 years and are members of the New York Society of Teachers of Dance.

They not only teach dance steps, but also choreographed dance routines with six to 10 amalgamations.

Each dance routine is taught in five to six-week segments. The next segment is the cha-cha. A cue sheet for each routine is given to the students.

Classes are on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. for an hour. The cost is \$6 per couple, payable at class. Pre-registration is not required.

The second class is line dancing on Fridays at 10 a.m. They teach traditional, ballroom and western line dances. Some of the line dances are choreographed to correspond with ballroom dance steps.

It is a good way to learn how to execute the basics of the ballroom dances alone and gives you confidence when dancing with a partner.

The \$2 fee is payable at time of class. Pre-registration is not required.

For more information on both classes call the center at 773-1853.

ASA umpires

Any one interested in becoming an ASA softball umpire, or in being re-certified, should attend one of the following clinics at the Dana Recreation Center: April 2, 5:30 p.m., April 9, 5:30 p.m., or April 16, 5:30 p.m.

For further information, contact Steve Dumas at 775-3627.

Rutland rec

The Rutland Recreation Department still has openings in its baseball (ages 6 to 17), soccer (ages 4 to 14), and minor league girls softball (ages 9 to 11) programs. Players may sign up at the Dana Recreation Center. For information, call 773-1822.

Bridge is offered at Godnick Center

The Godnick Adult Center is offering an eight-week bridge program taught by Irene Vignoe, beginning Thursday, April 6, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The Club Series on "bidding" will be taught. This is the first in the series and is for either beginners or players interested in updating their game.

The fee is \$25 for residents and \$31 for non-residents. For more information call 773-1853.

VIBES

Rutland, Vibes, a program of poetry and percussion will be performed at the Dana Recreation Center, percussion includes about 50 different instruments, bring own instrument, 7 p.m., free and open to the public, free-will offering, 468-6674 or 235-2400.

Aerobics classes will start in March

The Rutland Recreation Department is offering morning aerobics classes with Susan Classen and Mary Ellen Conlon.

The classes are suitable for beginners through advanced, with modification for each level. Classes will consist of a 10-minute warm-up, an aerobic/step segment, strength work, abdominal work and a cool-down. Participants will need to bring a mat or a towel, and wear comfortable athletic shoes and clothing.

Classes run Mondays and Wednesdays, from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. The first class starts March 6 and runs through March 29. Registration is at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St. Fees are \$20 for residents, and \$27 for non-residents.

Boating Safety Course available

If you are planning to operate the family boat, and you are 10 or older, this course is for you.

State law requires that you take a Boating Safety Course. You will receive a certificate that will allow you to drive the family boat.

This course is run in cooperation with the state of Vermont. The course runs on March 18 and March 25, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Room 21 at the Dana Recreation Center.

You need to sign up before the program starts at the Dana Recreation Center, at 39 East Center St., weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. The program is free of charge.

Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO 3/23

Party Bridge

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Ballroom Dance 4-7

Rutland, The Rutland Ballroom Dance Club holds its monthly dance at the Godnick Adult Center, One Deer Street, all levels of dancers welcome, 7:30-11 p.m., \$5 for members; \$8 for non-members, 773-6971.

Ballroom Dance 4-8

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Darkroom class will teach basics

"Darkroom Dynamics" will be offered by the Rutland Recreation and Parks Department at Creative Space, 20 Merchants Row.

With instructors M. Barrett and T. Grel, students will learn how to use a 35 mm camera for optical results, develop black-and-white film, make contact sheets, test strips, make prints, use filters, dodge and burn when necessary, and present work professionally.

The class is open to students ages

'Energy Exercises' series starts April 4

The Rutland Recreation Department, under the instruction of Carolyn Altieri (registered polarity practitioner,) will conduct a six-week program on "Energy Exercises" Tuesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. at Dana Recreation Center.

The program will be from April 4 through May 9. The unique, effective, easy series of non-aerobic movements based on the idea of energy, and encouraging calmness, vitality and health. This is a non-straining do what you can do, step-by-step approach that honors an individual's particular circumstances of build, stamina and flexibility.

Energy Exercises consists of simple non-aerobic yoga movements, that comprise of one of the three phases of polarity therapy. The other aspects of this powerful health building system are energetic bodywork and nutrition education. Bring a mat or blanket and wear comfortable clothing.

Fees are \$30 for residents and \$37 for non-residents. Register at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Free Chess Lesson

Rutland, The Rutland Recreation Department's Chess Club offers free chess lesson at the Dana Center, all ages welcome, begins at 6 p.m., free, all levels welcome.

Play Chess/Checkers

Rutland, Play chess and checkers at Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., 7-9 p.m., free.

Cardio-Dance will soon be available

The Rutland Recreation Department is offering a Cardio-Dance Aerobic program beginning April 17 and continuing through July 26.

The programs runs on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. This high-energy class is taught by Mary Ellen Conlon and Susan Classen.

Registration fee for residents is \$72, and for non-residents is \$79. Sign-up is at the Dana Recreation Center.

If you have any questions, you may call 773-1822.

Duplicate Bridge 4-5

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10 and older, and runs Wednesdays from March 8 through April 5, from 6 to 8 p.m.

The fee for residents is \$90, and \$97 for non-residents. Register at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Rutland Recreation has aerobics courses

The Rutland Recreation Department is offering aerobics classes suitable for beginners through advanced, with modification for each level.

Classes will consist of a 10-minute warm-up, an aerobic/step segment, strength work, abdominal work and a cool-down.

Participants will need to bring a mat or a towel and wear comfortable athletic shoes and clothing.

There are three different aerobic classes held at the Dana Center. Class 1 runs from April 3-May 10, from 6 to 7 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays; Class 2 runs from April 4-May 11, from 6 to 7 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays; Class 3 runs from April 3-July 26, from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m., Mondays and Wednesdays.

Registration is at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St.

Tai Chi course will start up next week

The Rutland Recreation Department is offering the Yang style of Tai Chi with Eugene Gyori.

Students will learn the postures and practice the principles to ultimately begin "push hands" allowing the students to utilize what they have learned. A history of the Yang style will be taught along with the applications.

There will be one session for spring. Registration is at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Classes start April 4 and end May 17. They will be held Thursdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Fees are \$32 for residents and \$39 for non-residents. There is a \$5 discount for registration before April 6.

Women's nutrition series starts in May

The Rutland Recreation Department is sponsoring the Women's Nutrition & Wellness series to help you get a jump on spring.

Discover the benefits of a nutrition and wellness program that will bring you into the new millennium feeling energized, fit and looking your best.

Mary Bilz, a registered dietitian with a master's degree in nutritional science, conducts this series. The program covers the latest research on foods that enhance women's health and includes instruction for a strength-training and aerobic program you will be able to practice at home.

Learn how to separate fact from fiction in the area of herbs, supplements and fad diets.

You will be introduced to aromatherapy, yoga and stress reduction techniques.

This series begins Wednesday, May 10, and is six weeks long. The last class will be June 14. The cost is \$65 for Rutland city residents and \$72 for non-residents. Sign up at the Dana Recreation Center.

There is a \$5 discount if you sign up before May 3.

Rutland Historical Society Crowley race a tradition worth preserving

Jackie Brandt, who used to play the outfield for the Baltimore Orioles back in the 1960s, was a flake. Once he was trying to talk some teammates into going to an ice cream place 15 miles out of town because it had many more exotic flavors than the ice cream stand across the street.

They drove the 15 miles and Brandt ordered vanilla.

Brandt had nothing on Rutland's Joe Crowley. Crowley was hitchhiking somewhere near Albany, N.Y., when he got picked up by a young doctor and his wife. The couple was headed for Montreal and Crowley talked them into going through Rutland because it was a much nicer ride.

But there was nothing vanilla about Joe Crowley. There are hundreds of stories about this man. He passed away several years ago, but they are still making the rounds today.

You have undoubtedly heard many of them. Like the one about him marching into the stadium with the Harvard band so he could see the football game.

Or how he set out hitchhiking for Pontiac, Mich., (when he was in his 60s) to see the Super Bowl. He was picked up and brought to the hospital for hypothermia and never did make his destination.

I once went to Giants Stadium with him where he asked the woman behind the ticket counter for a Giants media guide. He was told they weren't giving them out any longer. He excused himself, say-



Haley's Comets

Tom Haley

ing he had to go to the bathroom, and returned minutes later with two media guides.

People knew him all over the place — owners of pro sports teams like Billy Sullivan, John McHale and Tom Yawkey. When he went to the park, he often ate the best food and he ate it with royalty.

When the stars came to perform at the Vermont State Fair, Joe was like their cousin before they left.

His brother Frank Crowley was a great distance runner and competed in the 1932 Olympic Games in Los Angeles. He was also a national champion while running for Manhattan College.

Frank and Clarence De Mar, a seven-time winner of the Boston Marathon, once raced from Proctor to Rutland on a personal challenge.

That challenge is the origin the present day Crowley Brothers Memorial Road Race which is actually named after the three brothers who grew

up on a home on Nichols Street in Rutland: Joe, Frank and Larry.

The Crowley Brothers Memorial Road Race is history. The course comes from the De Mar-Crowley challenge and the race honors three special people who are a big piece of Rutland legend and lore.

That is why the news hit me hard on Monday when the Rutland Recreation Department's Leif Dahlin told me there would be no Crowley race this year.

It is not anyone's fault. Dahlin and the Rotary organization, in fact, went above and beyond the call of duty trying to energize the event in recent years. The runners simply did not come.

Wouldn't it be great if someone else could step in and take the race over, at least for this year, to keep the continuity of the event?

"Anyone is welcome to it," Dahlin said. "Although I think it might be too late for this year."

Dahlin believes the calendar is the culprit. The race is held the first Sunday in June, a weekend when road races are numerous.

Despite its low turnout, the Crowley is a special slice of summer. It is a time to gather and tell the great stories about Joe Crowley, the man who loved life and missed very little of it. It is a time to reminisce about De Mar and Frank Crowley.

It is a great local race. Many of the runners in

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the field are people you know.

It would be wonderful if someone could come forward and rescue the event this year, even if it meant running a scaled-down version without the electronic timing and other extras. Just something to keep the tradition alive.

Then, Dahlin and the Rotary could try to pump new life into it in 2001 with a new date.

The danger of putting an event on the shelf, even for a year, is that often it never comes back.

There just might be someone out there that knew the three Crowley brothers and that believes in this race with all its tradition. Maybe...

Crowley Brothers Memorial Road Race appears doomed

By TOM HALEY
Herald Staff

The Crowley Brothers Memorial Road Race, the 10-kilometer race from Proctor to Rutland, will not be held this season.

The 2000 edition would have been the 24th annual race in the series.

The Rutland Recreation Department and the Rotary organization have combined efforts to administer the race in recent years but low turnout has forced them to abandon the event, at least for this year.

Rutland's Superintendent of Parks and Recreation Leif Dahlin said he met with members of the Rotary in January before making the decision. A commitment had to be made that early in order to sign a contract with Granite

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State Race Services, the firm that times the race.

Dahlin said improvements have been made to the event in recent years including certifying the course in an attempt to attract more elite runners. The race was also widely advertised with advertisements placed in publications like Running Times, New England Runner and Vermont Sports.

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"We had under 80 runners last year," Dahlin said.

He said for it to be a viable community event and a successful fundraiser, at least 200 runners are needed.

"We've tried a lot of things over

the last five or six years and were unable to ever get the numbers over 100," Dahlin said.

The one variable Dahlin said that has not been altered is the date. It has been held the first Sunday morning in June.

"I think that's a bad time," Dahlin said, noting that the calendar appears crowded with other races that weekend.

Dahlin noted that the Turkey Trot, a benefit race in downtown Rutland in November, attracted

well over 100 runners in its first year.

"I'm scratching my head on this one," Dahlin said. "It's unfortunate."

Will he work to bring it back after this year?

"I never say never," Dahlin said.

Local chess players fare well in tournament

Rutland County students did well at the 2000 Vermont Scholastic Chess Championships Saturday in Burlington.

Jeremy Whitney, a sophomore at Rutland High School, took first place in the high school division, winning all four of his games.

Mark Gaudreau, a seventh-grader at Christ the King in Rutland, placed first in the middle school division. Gaudreau also won all of his games.

Brian Flynn of Benson placed second in the middle school division.

Scott Bova, a first-grader at Lothrop Elementary in Pittsford, placed second in the first-grade division.

Whitney and Gaudreau both play in the Rutland Area Chess Club, which meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Dana Recreation Center.

Hank Vergi, a senior at Mill River Union High School, is the leader of the chess club. Vergi also participated in the tournament Saturday, winning three of his four games for a multiple tie for third place. (A computer-generated

comparison of the strength of the opponents gave Vergi ninth place in the final results.)



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program similar to the new Pierpoint Primary Learning Center.

That program, located in the former regional library across the street from Northwest, offers three multi-age classrooms to almost 60 students in grades K-2.

But a study committee of parents, teachers and administrators determined that creating a similar program at Dana wouldn't be easy.

Dana, for example, now houses the city Recreation Department and several community service offices. A new school program would require a reconfiguration of current occupants.

Also, Pierpoint can tap Northwest across the street for administrative,

nursing and other support services. Dana, in comparison, isn't close to another school and would have to spend money to hire such workers.

As a result, leaders won't use Dana, but instead will look at making changes to current elementary schools to better accommodate fine arts, nursing and meetings.

"We need more adult space in the buildings," Moran said.

Schools, however, won't propose any major additions.

"It would be hard to justify large additions when overall enrollment is not increasing," Moran said. "We'd like to keep classes at 20 or under, and in most cases we're there."

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Rutland will reconfigure its K-2 sites

Plan to reopen former Dana school building is scrapped

By KEVIN O'CONNOR
Herald Staff

Rutland public schools have dropped plans to reopen the old Dana building to give elementary students more elbowroom.

Leaders last fall proposed using three Dana rooms to supplement grade K-2 classes at Northeast and Northwest Elementary and the Pierpoint Primary Learning Center.

But they have decided to reconfigure space in the three existing schools rather than reopen classrooms at Dana.

"We felt the logistical problems would far outweigh the benefits," school Superintendent Mary Moran said of the Dana plan.

City elementary schools saw an increase in students last fall with the introduction of full-day kindergarten classes. That, in turn, has squeezed areas for fine arts, nursing and offices.

Leaders had suggested freeing up space in all buildings by using three rooms at Dana for a pro-

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Staff Photo by Vyto Starinkas

Danielle Provencher teaches her kindergarten class Wednesday at Northwest Elementary School in Rutland City. Northwest is one of three city schools where grade K-2 space will be realigned to give students more room.

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Staff Photo by Christian Wideawake

Liam Clark, 3, of Mendon gets a helping hand from his mother, Thea Clark, as he catches his balance while inline skating at Giorgetti Park in Rutland on Friday.

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RUTLAND RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT ROTARY PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

WITH JANE BROWN AND JOAN MCINTOSH
EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

This program is licensed through the State of Vermont, Division of SRS.

This program is for 3 & 4 year olds and runs through the school calendar year.

There will be an evening information and registration night on Thursday, April 13th, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Rotary Park. A \$50.00 deposit will be required to reserve a spot for Fall. For additional program and the information stop by the Recreation and Parks Department.

Rotary Preschool will begin its Fall schedule Tuesday, September 5th. The morning sessions run from 8:30 - 11:30. For more information give us a call at 773-1822.

Friday

THINGS TO DO

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Jeffords plans visit to Godnick Center

Sen. James Jeffords, R-Vt., will visit the Godnick Adult Center on Tuesday, April 25, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. to hold a "Forum on Successful Aging and other Senior Issues."

All Vermonters are welcome.

Jeffords wants to hear from you and wants to discuss what's happening in Washington on issues such as prescriptions drugs, high fuel costs, Medicare, Social Security, Older Americans Act and Long Term Care.

For more information call 773-1853.

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Informational Meeting

Godnick Center planning casino trip

The Godnick Adult Center will sponsor a bus trip to the Foxwood Casino in Ledyard, Conn., on Wednesday, May 31.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. Friday, April 21. The fee of \$27 includes transportation.

A dinner stop at the Old Country Buffet is on your own. The Vermont Transit leaves the center at 7 a.m. and returns at approximately 9 p.m.

For more information call 773-1853.

Ballroom Dance

Rutland, The Rutland Ballroom Dance Club holds dance at the Godnick Adult Center, One Deer Street, 7:30-11 p.m., \$5 per person for members; \$8 for non-members, all levels of dancers welcome, lesson at 8:30

Secret session over land proposal upsets alderman

By KEVIN O'CONNOR

Herald Staff

A Rutland City alderman is upset that his board met behind closed doors with a city lawyer who wants to buy Rutland Country Club land that contains the locally known Rocky and Mud-dy ponds.

Alderman Kevin Jones said the board went into executive session at its meeting April 3, at which time lawyer William Meub outlined his hopes of building two homes and floated the idea of running a driveway through the city's Pine Hill Park.

Jones wanted to discuss the proposal in open session and tried to do so Monday. Other aldermen, however, adjourned the meeting before he could.

"I want everybody in Rutland to know what is going on here," Jones said Wednesday. "I really feel it compromises my integrity not to let people who value Pine Hill Park know what this proposal is all about."

Meub confirmed he was interested in buying 125 acres from the Rutland Country Club to build two houses, and otherwise preserve the ponds and surrounding land.

Meub, a Republican candidate for governor, didn't want to say anything more because he was still working on a proposal to submit to the club, whose members would have to approve any sale.

"The purpose of the executive session was to privately keep the city informed of what was



Jones



Staff Photo by Christian Widenaw

William Meub's proposed land deal with the Rutland Country Club would include the south shore of Rocky Pond

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going on," Meub said. "When it reaches the necessary level, it will be public."

Board President Christopher Louras approved the closed-door session upon the advice of Assistant City Attorney Henry Brislin, who noted that state law allowed for "the negotiating or securing of real estate purchase options."

The Vermont Secretary of State's office questioned whether the session's content qualified for closed-door status, saying it would need more time and information to decide.

City Attorney Christopher Sullivan excused himself from the session because he once was Meub's law partner.

Rutland City owns about 300 acres in its northwest quadrant that includes Giorgetti and Pine Hill parks. The land is adjacent to the Rutland Country Club, which features an 18-hole golf course and adjacent undeveloped land around Rocky and Mud-dy ponds.

Louras said aldermen hadn't received a formal proposal from Meub nor taken any action.

"The board made it very clear to the individuals coming in that no deci-

sions were going to be made on this until it was brought out into the public," he said.

Louras criticized Jones for publicizing the closed-door meeting.

"The individuals who approached the board about this asked it be maintained as a confidential matter," he said.

"Kevin is violating the trust of property owners and taxpayers in the city of Rutland by going public with this."

Nothing in state law prohibits a board member from speaking publicly about executive session matters, the Secretary of State's office said.

"Citizens should know about this issue today," Jones said. "I believe the city should be doing what it can to preserve the current use of Pine Hill Park, rather than giving up easement for a private drive to well-connected Rutland individuals."

Kicking clinic

The Rutland Recreation Department will sponsor a football punting and place kicking clinic, to be directed by Steve Wolf, on April 29 at Alumni Field. The program is free to students aged 8 to 10 from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. and ages 11 and up from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Wolf has taught punting and kicking around the country.

Clinic participants must be pre-registered by a parent at the Dana Recreation Center at 39 East Center St.

Adult softball

Rutland Recreation Department men's and women's softball are ready and can be picked up at the recreation office between 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. League play begins the week of May 1.

Play Chess/Checkers

Rutland, Play chess and checkers at Dana Recreation Center, 39 Center St., 7-9 p.m., free, all levels welcome.

Seniors developing programs, services

Join the group of seniors working to develop new programs and services within Rutland City.

The group will meet at 1 p.m. Friday, May 12, at the Godnick Adult Center on Deer Street in Rutland. Bring ideas for new programs and services that you would like to see developed in Rutland. Refreshments will be served.

If you need transportation or would like more information about the meeting, call Jason Ladabouche at the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging, 786-5990.

THINGS TO DO

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome. Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m. free. call 773-1853.

Aldermen to discuss Pine Hill driveway

Rutland City's Board of Aldermen will hold a special meeting Monday to discuss a request to place a private driveway through the city's Pine Hill Park.

Local lawyer William Meub wants to buy 125 acres of land from the Rutland Country Club to build two homes. To do so, however, he is asking the city for permission to place a driveway through Pine Hill Park.

City aldermen first heard the proposal in a closed-door session April 3. The special meeting Monday at 6:30 p.m. will be in open session, according to the board's agenda.

Youth baseball

The Rutland County youth baseball league (junior/senior league) will hold its annual meeting Wednesday, May 10 at the Dana Recreation Center. Any towns wishing to join the league should call Lou at 773-1822 for information. The league consists of teams from Rutland City, Rutland Town, West Rutland, Pittsford-Brandon, Fair Haven, Poultnery, Manchester, Arlington, Ludlow, Mill River, Castleton and Granville, N.Y.

Duplicate Bridge

Rutland, Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Godnick Center, Deer Street, 7:15 p.m., call Jean Seward at 773-9436.

Rutland Historical Society City can't suppress political commentary at parade

By KEVIN O'CONNOR

Herald Staff

4/18
Rutland Halloween Parade floats with political statements may scare city aldermen, but they can't be banned from haunting downtown streets. The 11-member board voiced concern last year after one float laughed at city financial boondoggles and an-

other seriously attacked several local and state leaders as corrupt.

But city Recreation Superintendent Leif Dahlin, having conferred with lawyers, told aldermen Monday they couldn't mask social commentary in the city-sponsored parade.

"It appears the city as a municipality cannot specifically regulate and or

jury what and who will be in the parade without jeopardizing constitutional rights and free speech," Dahlin said in a letter to the board.

"We cannot restrict participation by anyone we may not want in the parade for whatever reason unless they do not meet registration deadlines," Dahlin wrote.

The Rutland High School Art Club sparked aldermen's concern last Halloween after rolling out a 7-foot-tall dung beetle decorated with price tags representing the city's \$17 million transit center and state's proposed \$1 billion gas plant.

Another float by the Resurrection Ranch of Clarendon elicited stronger

criticism for naming several local, state and national leaders as corrupt.

At the time, a Resurrection Ranch spokeswoman said she would take the city to court if it tried to ban such floats.

On Monday, Dahlin said parade or-

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Parade

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ganizers would instead "continue to impress upon prospective participants the purpose, spirit and intent of the parade."

"Bottom line is it appears beyond encouraging and asking prospective participants to stick with a tasteful Halloween theme that is relatively free of political, religious or other messages there is little that can and will be done to regulate and/or jury parade entries," Dahlin wrote.

In other business Monday, aldermen:

- ♦ Voted to drop the city's sewer connection fee for a year in hopes of building its property tax base for years to come.

Local voters rejected a request last month to raise the city's tax cap by 10 cents to 95 cents per \$100 of property. As a result, Mayor John Cassarino and aldermen, facing cuts in city services and staff, are brainstorming other ways to raise revenue.

The city has reaped an average of \$34,107 annually in sewer connection fees over the past five years, with

61 percent from commercial development and 39 percent from residential.

Aldermen approved a recommendation from its Charter and Ordinance Committee to drop the one-time fee — a new homeowner pays about \$1,800 — in hopes of spurring more construction and, in turn, more property taxes.

- ♦ Tapped \$14,665 in money from a Diamond Run Mall development deal to pay for downtown Depot Park improvements including \$11,065 for brick walkways, \$2,400 for plantings and \$1,200 for a sign.

- ♦ Unanimously approved a mayoral recommendation to appoint Darlene Gregory as new city clerk beginning May 1.

- ♦ Honored Rosemary Finley for her 25 years of work at City Hall, the past 17 as clerk.

The mayor proclaimed the retiring clerk's last day this Friday as Rosemary Finley Day, state Rep. Cheryl Hooker read a legislative resolution and aldermen offered a ceremonial

key to the city.

"You're not going to be happy until you make me cry," said Finley, tearfully thanking even office patrons who complained.

"They've made it easier to leave," she said.

- ♦ Honored Edward Reiman for nine years of service on the city Police Commission, the last seven as chairman.

- ♦ Appointed John Facey, Peter Giacomola, Joe Tilden and Kathleen Valente to the Planning Commission and Mike Brookman, Andrea Hubbard MacLaughlan and Steve Reilly to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

They also appointed Mary Nemeth and Albert Trepanier to the Police Commission; Shaun Branon and Julie Herlihy to the Rutland Redevelopment Authority; Stephen Pfenning as town service officer; Michael Durkin to the Board of Health and Kenneth Hart to the Cemetery Commission.

Friday

THINGS TO DO

Party Bridge

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Play Chess/Checkers

Rutland, Play chess and checkers at Dana Recreation Center, 39 Center St., 7-9 p.m., free, all levels welcome. 5/10

Fishing derby 5/18 is held May 20

The Rutland City Kiwanis Club and Rutland Recreation Department will host the Annual Fishing Derby at Combination Pond for young children up to age 13.

A parent/guardian must accompany the child.

Join us at Combination Pond on Saturday, May 20, from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m.

A free lunch buffet, including hamburgers, will be provided by the Kiwanis Club along with prizes in various categories.

Adult Softball

Tuesday's Results

Women's B: Jilly's Roadrunners 12-1.
Jilly's Jags 0
Women's C: Jilly's Bottom Fifth 16-0.
Olliewood 15
Men's B: Ollie's 29, Nallers 7
Men's B: Dart Mart vs. Jilly's
Men's D: Bizon Construction vs. Two Sheas
Men's D: Speedi Lube 7, Sanborn's Paint 0.
Men's C: CJ's vs. Ollie's 5/10

Wednesday's Games

Women's C: Jilly's vs. Ollie's Girls, MN
Men's B: Brownstone 1 vs. Jilly's Roughnecks, JFC
Men's B: Jilly's Dogs vs. Mucks, MF
Men's D: Center St. Saloonatics vs. Buccaneers, MS 6:30 p.m.
Men's D: Jilly's vs. A Crust Above, MS 6:30 p.m.
Men's C: Jilly's vs. Midas/Mr. C's, MS 7:40 p.m.
Men's C: Feds vs. Jilly's Devils, MS 8:50 p.m.
Men's C: Mago's vs. Frar's, GIO

Cans for Cancer 5/6 will benefit Relay

The American Cancer Society will host its annual Cans For Cancer Day on Saturday, May 6, at Main Street Park from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Cans For Cancer fund-raiser will benefit the upcoming Relay For Life, the signature event of the American Cancer Society.

Rutland area residents are invited to bring returnable cans and bottles to the Cans For Cancer event. Proceeds go to the Relay For Life, a community event that celebrates cancer survivors and their caretakers. It raises funds for innovative research, programs and

services, and advocacy through the American Cancer Society.

This year's Relay For Life will take place on June 17 and 18 at the Stafford Technical Center in Rutland.

Those who wish to have their redeemable cans and bottles picked up Saturday may call 775-1234.

For information about cancer, call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345.

Party Bridge 5/16

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City should

face its problems 4/20

We are newcomers to Vermont. The problem with newcomers to an area is that they lack a sense of history. Without that comprehension, everyday occurrences become baffling and incomprehensible. Take the current goings-on in the city government.

We were confused that a community leader such as Alderman Jones, in possession of a revenue plan that would keep property taxes low and fully fund city services, would refuse to immediately share the details. He appears to feel that "tracking the mayor down at City Hall" would somehow invalidate the importance of his plan.

Having learned that Alderman Jones was in possession of such a plan, why wouldn't the other aldermen march him en masse through the mayor's open door and insist that the details be shared forthwith? Why wouldn't Mayor Cassarino immediately have his secretary call all the aldermen to his office along with the media so that Alderman Jones could immediately share the details of his Blue Ribbon Panel-endorsed plan? Then both the elected officials and the citizens could begin to move the city from this apparent quagmire of protocol and get on with the business of benefiting the citizens of Rutland City.

We were confused about all of this until a lifelong member of the community gently pointed out that Alderman Jones and Mayor Cassarino "have a history." How interesting that the goings-on at the City Hall seem to reflect a Monday recess at any elementary school.

I am sure that everyone involved has the best interests of Rutland City at heart. Perhaps the time has come to bury the hatchet in something other than each other's backs and get on with the show.

DONALD G. CAMPBELL
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DURGIN-CAMPBELL
Rutland

Aldermen hear opposition to Rocky Pond road plan

By KEVIN O'CONNOR
Herald Staff

A standing-room-only crowd told Rutland City aldermen Monday it opposed a local lawyer's request to build a private driveway through the city's Pine Hill Park.

William Meub wants to buy 125 acres of Rutland Country Club land that contains Rocky and Muddy ponds and build two homes on the shore.

To do so, Meub has proposed a driveway from Evergreen Avenue through the city park. He has yet to formally request the road, but preliminary plans alone drew almost 50 opponents to an aldermanic meeting Monday night.

"That is the only place you can get out of your car in the city of Rutland and go for a hike in the woods," resident Robert Johnson told the board. "It would be a shame to jeopardize that."

Speaker after speaker worried what would happen if a current dirt path now accessible only to hikers and bikers became a paved road available to motor vehicles.

"If you make it easy for everybody to go there, there will be less to go to," resident Susan Leach Mathewson said. "We will take away from everybody by making it accessible to everybody."

Only one audience member supported the road. Wendy Wilton, a former alderwoman, said she took her children to the park recently, only to discover discarded bottles, trash and condoms.

"To have better access so it could be



Staff Photo by Vyto Starinskas

Evergreen Avenue resident Angela DiAngelo argues against building a road to Rocky Pond during the Rutland City Board of Aldermen's meeting on Monday.

better supervised would really be a good idea," Wilton said.

But others disagreed.

"I've seen the condoms, but I've also seen pheasants, I've also seen deer," resident Angela DiAngelo said. "You think there won't be condoms if there's a road there?"

Resident Andrea Hubbard MacLauchlan wondered whether the two proposed houses would multiply into more.

"I see it as a one lane this year and we want two lanes next year," MacLauchlan said. "I think you're making a huge mistake selling to one

individual. You're selling out the whole city."

Meub first mentioned the driveway in a closed-door aldermanic meeting last month. Alderman Kevin Jones wanted to discuss the proposal in open session, but lacking support from his colleagues, recently publicized the issue in the press.

Board President Christopher Lours began the meeting Monday by saying it would be the first of several open sessions on the driveway request.

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Don't sell out

Pine Hill Park 510

Kudos to Alderman Kevin Jones and the Rutland Herald for revealing William Meub's plan to run a driveway up the main access to Pine Hill Park. In case you haven't heard, William Meub met with Rutland City aldermen behind closed doors in early April to discuss his plans to put houses on the south shore of Rocky Pond on land adjacent to Pine Hill Park. Adding insult to this injury, Meub would like the city to grant him permission to run a driveway for over a mile through the park so he could access these trophy homes. Rather than discuss this controversial development plan openly, Meub petitioned for and received permission to approach the city via a more secretive executive session. And Mr. Meub is running for governor? Is this the kind of covert dealing we could expect from a Meub administration? Who knows when the public would have heard about Meub's plot if Mr. Jones had not contacted the Herald?

The property owners and taxpayers of Rutland should be grateful that some members of the Board of Aldermen are committed to protecting Pine Hill Park, which is one of Rutland's most valuable community assets. Go take a walk up Evergreen Avenue into the park, and wander down one of the many footpaths on either side of the dirt road. Take a look at Rocky Pond — a natural jewel within Vermont's third largest community. And then imagine a rich homeowner running his driveway through this park, and plopping a house on the shore of this pond. You'll agree that such a thing should not happen.

I know that the city is trying to expand its tax base, but even thinking about raping a community asset like Pine Hill Park is the wrong way to proceed. Features such as Pine Hill Park should be protected and promoted as enticements for people to relocate to Rutland. Thanks again, Alderman Jones and reporter O'Connor of the Rutland Herald.

JAMES C. TASSE
Rutland

Summer Softball

Softball schedules for the men's and women's league of the Rutland Recreation Department have been prepared and can be picked up at Dana Recreation Center, 39 E. Center St.,



Rutland. League play began on Monday May 1. The office hours of the recreation facility are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Fishing Derby

Once again, the Rutland City Kiwanis Club and the Rutland Recreation Department will be hosting the Annual Fishing Derby at Combination Pond, a very special day for young children up to age 13. A parent/guardian must accompany the child. Join us at Combi-



nation Pond on Saturday, May 20 from 9 AM - Noon. Registration will begin at 8:30 A.M. A free lunch buffet, including "hamburgers" will be provided by the Kiwanis Club along with prizes in various categories. The early bird catches the worm!

Soccer camps

The Rutland Recreation & Park Department will be offering two soccer camps. The first will run July 10-14 for ages 7-14. The cost is \$55 for residents and \$62 for non-residents.

The second is a pre-season camp, Aug. 7-11 and is \$65 for residents and \$72 for non-residents.

The camp director is former Rutland High School soccer coach Mike Kinsler.

Campers can sign up at the Dana Recreation Center.

Hoop league

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department's Women's Basketball League is now forming. The league is open to area teams comprised of girls in the ninth grade and older. Any new teams must pick up a team packet at the Dana Recreation Center. Team rosters are due June 9. The league begins the week of June 19 and ends approximately Aug. 11.

Rutland Youth Baseball League

The Rutland County Youth Baseball League (Junior/Senior League) will hold their annual meeting on May 10, 2000, 6:30 PM at the Dana Recreation Center. If there are any towns wishing to join the league, call Lou

at 773-1822 for information. The league consists of teams from Rutland City, Rutland Town, West Rutland, Pittsford/Brandon, Fair Haven, Poultney, Manchester, Arlington, Ludlow, Mill River, Castleton and Granville NY.

flying gravity

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Staff Photo by Vyto Starinkas

Ben Bushman, 15, flies through the air at the Zero Gravity Roller Sports Park at the Giorgetti Park Pavilion in Rutland on Wednesday afternoon. The park made major improvements during the past and offers in-line skating, skateboarding, BMX and mountain biking activities and camps.

Programs needed for young people

Over the years I have written my share of letters to the editor. This one is perhaps the most important. I feel disgust and anger when I read the paid advertisements of an organization called "Who Would Have Thought," vilifying Governor Dean and an organization named Outright Vermont. The misinformation this advertising spreads is unfortunate in a state that prides itself on inclusion and civil behavior.

The serious problem with this public relations effort isn't that it might have political consequences that I disagree with. Instead, if programs like Outright somehow are harmed and unable to perform the mission it seeks, Vermont may stand witness to the endangerment of young Vermonters, young people who are born gay or lesbian. These youth are made to feel so badly, indeed to hate themselves so much by some in our society that they take their own lives at alarming rates. Youth who have no hope often practice unsafe and illicit behavior, and they suffer each and every day of their existence from the fear of revealing who God made them to a world that fails the test of his teachings.

Outright simply seeks to ease their pain by changing this sad reality in the same environment our youth find themselves. In doing so they strengthen gay and lesbian teens, but they also make allies of straight friends who come to understand the pain and indignity of discrimination. This makes for a better person, gay or straight, and it ought to be applauded.

So agree or disagree with civil unions or even the experiences shared by gay and lesbians that it isn't a choice. But don't play with fire and put young Vermonters' lives in the balance in order to score cheap political points. You have no right to do this, and you may end up with the blood of our most precious asset, our children, on your hands if you continue.

STEVE HOWARD
Rutland

Aldermen

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"The intent is to have full and complete public interaction so everyone can speak their minds," Lounsbury said. "I don't want the board of being accused of trying to ramrod something through. Nothing underhanded is going to be done to try to shilly-shally it."

Rutland City owns about 300 acres in its northwest quadrant that includes Giorgetti and Pine Hill parks. The land is adjacent to the Country Club, which features an 18-hole golf course and

adjacent undeveloped land around Rocky and Muddy ponds. Several audience members asked why the city didn't buy the ponds itself. Recreation Superintendent Jeff Dhallin said his department had been trying to do that for years, but had yet to get firm figures from the Country Club. Hearing that, aldermen voted to have the board's Recreation Committee investigate a possible purchase. "People assume this is part of the

city," Alderwoman Cheryl H. said. "To look at it is the least we can do." The board made no other decisions on the issue Monday. Meul, a lawyer and Republican candidate for governor, didn't attend the meeting. He has declined to elaborate on his plans, noting he was still in negotiations with the country club, whose members would have to approve any sale.

Friday

THINGS TO DO

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, call 773-1853.

Tennis mixer

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department will be hosting a tennis mixer on Thursday, May 25 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at White's Park tennis courts. Tennis pro John Petz will organize tennis match play for the evening. The time is dedicated to tennis play in a formal yet fun and comfortable format.

The evening is open to all who have an interest in tennis.

This is a drop-in opportunity. Pre-registration is not required and there is no fee.

Adult Softball	
Women's B: Two Sheas vs. Friar's/Over Easy, MF	
Women's C: Sweet Tomatoes vs. Zemo's, MN	
Men's B: Cass/Carey's Auto vs. Brownstone II, GIO	
Men's D: Tyler's Team vs. All Lines, JFC	
Men's C: Magoo's vs. Jilly's, MS 6:30 p.m.	
Men's C: Vitoz vs. Ollie's, MS 7:40 p.m.	

Tai Chi classes will be offered soon

The Rutland Recreation Department is offering two sessions of Tai Chi for the summer, the first session from June 1 to July 6, and the second session from July 20 to Aug. 24.

The classes are Thursdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Dana Recreation Center. This program will teach the Yang style of Tai Chi.

This is a great way to relax the body and strengthen the mind.

The program is open to adults. The cost of the program is \$36 for residents and \$41 for non-residents. Sign up at the Dana Recreation Center.



Street Talk

By Brent Curtis

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Should Rutland City allow a private driveway through Pine Hill Park near the Rutland Country Club?



A. "I don't care. It doesn't impact me and I don't think it's going to impact traffic either."

Rick Savage
Rutland



A. "No, it's a nice place for people to mountain-bike and hike."

Ed Pomainville
Pittsford



A. "No, it would ruin that area. It's a nice area and I think a driveway would ruin the ecological balance."

Andrew LaRue
Rutland

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Annette Drinwater
Town Clerk/Treasurer

Public shouldn't be excluded

Former Alderwoman Wendy Wilton attacked me recently because I will not hide from citizens a request for approximately a mile easement bisecting the city's Pine Hill Park to allow a private driveway from Evergreen Avenue to Rocky Pond and the construction of two homes adjacent to Rocky and Muddy Ponds. Her criticism addresses the fundamental issue of whether local government's goal ought to be to conduct as much business as possible behind closed doors or alternatively, as I believe, that only in the most compelling circumstances should the public be excluded from debate.

Ms. Wilton takes her criticism to a new extreme by suggesting that it is illegal for an alderman to inform the public of important issues. While very specific matters involving contracts, real estate, or personnel may be discussed in executive session, there is no law requiring aldermen to keep secrets from the public when they believe it is not in the city's best interest. A matter involving private individuals attempting to secure a driveway across a city park, with no apparent public benefits, does not belong behind closed doors. When I took action to stop this bad idea, Alderwoman Sharon Davis cut off my debate and moved to adjourn the meeting. Board President Chris Louras then allowed the meeting to be adjourned in conflict with the board's rules. In effect, mob rule had replaced democratic procedure.

Ms. Wilton's suggestion that, because I learned about something harmful to the city in a closed session, thus I am sworn to secrecy and cannot act on it, is ridiculous and contrary to principles of democratic government. In reality, Ms. Wilton has a more partisan motive here. Ms. Wilton, Alderman Paul Barbagallo, and others who are active Republicans have mounted a partisan attack against me because I'm not one of them. They criticize me for expressing my opinion in the media or occasionally missing a meeting, as others do, because of business travel but then work to limit my debate during meetings. I'm proud to disagree with former Alderwoman Wilton and her colleagues on issues such as the degradation of Pine Hill Park, \$500,000 give-backs to mall developers, and regressive property tax increases. Informed, independent judgment is not a crime; it is good government.

KEVIN B. JONES
(Alderman)
Rutland

Meub's disregard for environment

William Meub, Rutland lawyer who would like to become the next governor of Vermont, is doing a nice job showing us how much he cares for Rutland and the natural environment. If he has his way, he will take for himself the only natural woods in the city of Rutland. Meub wants to build two homes at Rocky Pond in the Pine Hills area in the northwest section of the city. In order to do that he needs permission to pave a road for his own driveway from Evergreen Avenue all the way through the woods to Rocky Pond.

Rocky Pond and the Pine Hill woods are the only place in the city of Rutland where people can park their cars and hike or bike into the woods. Stop and think about it. Where can you go for a walk in the woods around here? Where can you go mountain biking, snowmobiling, or snowshoeing, all within the city limits of Rutland? If Meub gets what he wants, the answer will be nowhere. Rutlanders are about to lose the only naturally wooded area of the city. Is this a foreboding of how Meub will protect the interests of Vermonters?

ROBERT JOHNSON
Rutland

Aldermanic Board behaving badly

Aldermanic Board:

To those of you determined to malign Kevin Jones for most recently exhibiting Kevin Jones-like behavior (that is, informing the public of executive session to discuss, secretly, the proposal of a private driveway dissecting Pine Hill Park on its way to private residences next to Rocky and Muddy Ponds), I say this: you present yourselves in a very poor light and represent us poorly, if at all.

SUSAN LEACH MATHEWSON
Rutland

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Fishing Derby

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Political games cloud facts about ponds, 1

I usually feel it is best not to dignify hysterical criticism with a response, but as a member of "the well-connected Rutland family" referred to by Alderman Kevin Jones recently, I suddenly got very itchy typing fingers. Also, when people start dragging a good friend's name through the mud, I tend to take it personally.

Bill Meub has been much maligned. His words have been taken out of context — intentionally, in my opinion — by people who seem excited about the political damage they might cause Bill over this issue. That they would choose to distort the facts and mislead the public to achieve this end says more about them than all the mud they are slinging at others. Sadly, it's another example of partisan politics at work.

I am writing this letter to explain the facts around the "controversial" aldermanic executives session regarding access to Rocky Pond and Muddy Pond. They are:

1. The Rutland Country Club was interested in selling approximately 170 acres of land that included Rocky Pond and Muddy Pond, but the city was not in a financial position to purchase or protect the property from development. The Meubs had been working on an arrangement for some years involving this property where they would buy 20 acres and provide some cash that would help the city buy the remaining property, including the ponds. However, because the city had no funds to buy the land, no deal could be reached.

2. My wife and I were looking for a building lot in close proximity to the city of Rutland, and when we heard about this property, we were excited. We both

grew up knowing Rocky and Muddy Ponds and were both dedicated in seeing the land was preserved. We knew that discussions with the Land Trust for a conservation easement covering the property had already been under way with Bill, and we decided to make an offer on the Country Club property with the Meubs. There was one hitch — limited access to the property. The Meubs had access over their existing driveway, but we needed access.

3. We thought it worthwhile (here's the important part) to approach the city about making a "deal," if possible, to gain a second access to the property. Because we were in price negotiations with the Country Club and nothing was being proposed for any action of any kind, we asked for — and were granted — an executive session. I would hope that any other citizen in the community would be accommodated likewise under similar circumstances, so my perceived status in the community was not a factor.

4. We assured the city of our desire to protect the ponds. In order to accomplish that objective and at the same time provide us with a building site, we offered the city what we thought was a fair deal: We would improve and maintain the road to Rocky Pond as well as allow use and access to Rocky Pond for activities the Recreation Department regarded as appropriate. By the way, there is a road there now, and it is well used by area youths for four-wheeling and drinking parties. Our feeling was that an improved road to Rocky Pond and the adjacent area would draw a more diverse crowd, such as families looking for a nice place for a picnic or a game of Frisbee. An improved road would allow police and emergency vehicles access should they be needed. Eventually, we hoped that with improved access, this park would actually become a park used and enjoyed by all the people of Rutland. We were not trying to slide anything through; we actually believed this would be good for

the city.

5. All hell broke loose when Alderman Jones violated the principle of executive session and spoke to the Rutland Herald. From that point on, it became a field day for cheap shots at Bill Meub. Again, I have to say there was absolutely no intention of sneaking something by the public — by me, by Bill Meub, or by the aldermen. To the contrary, our intent was to make sure that the city knew everything that was going on. Alderman Jones' actions did a grave disservice to his fellow aldermen, myself, and Bill Meub. Jones' holier-than-thou attitude about this whole incident while simultaneously violating the trust of his fellow aldermen and breaking the principle and purpose of executive session, strikes me as disingenuous, to say the least. I personally spoke to him before the first article appeared in the paper. His response to my conversation with him was to pack the meeting the following week with a misinformed group of people, all worked up over a non-issue.

Just for the record, we got our question answered: the city cannot grant use of the road for anything other than recreational uses and use of the park. Had the answer been different and we had gotten a purchase and sales agreement on the land, the process would have become public, as this would have been the usual and appropriate time to include the public before any right-of-way was given. Unfortunately for Rutland, the former confidentiality of executive sessions is a thing of the past. Most people will be discouraged and think twice before coming forward. Too bad.

Lastly, I feel obligated to address Robert Johnson's poison pen, as he also appears to be putting partisan politics ahead of the truth. No one, I mean no one, has ever suggested a paved road, let alone a personal driveway. Mr. Johnson has assumed incorrectly as to the location of the proposed building lots. The Meubs'

plans would entail the parcel, having posed use of the land — period. I really would not own the land ever, was very simple and not to detract this a precious piece.

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Many people assure that that will

William Carris is a

Commentary

William Carris

Round 'em up

Rutland City Police Officer Robert Gorruso inspects a bicycle of Victoria Stacey (left) Saturday at the Seventh Annual Bike Ride in Main Street Park. Children and parents flocked to the park to register bikes, or have bikes repaired or inspected. One hundred bicycle helmets were given away, thanks to the Rutland Kiwanis Club and the city Recreation Department.

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FORECAST
MARK BRET

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FORECAST

Carris says land deal likely dead

By KEVIN O'CONNOR
Herald Staff

Two prominent Rutlanders say publicity has all but stopped their controversial plan to buy land that contains the popular Rocky and Muddy ponds.

Lawyer William Meub told city aldermen last month of his desire to buy 125 acres of Rutland Country Club land and build two homes on the shore.

Meub, meeting with the board behind closed doors, said he and friend William Carris, owner of the local Carris Reels plant, wanted to reach the homes with a driveway through the city-owned Pine Hill Park.

Carris' involvement hasn't been publicized by anyone, including Alderman Kevin Jones, who first spoke out against both the secret session and the driveway.

But Carris himself is shedding light on his role in a letter to the editor that says publicity is raising the land price to one affordable only to big developers.

"My best guess is that this land will remain in limbo until someone comes up with enough money to satisfy the Country Club," Carris wrote. "In order to justify that kind of asking price, someone would have to develop the property."

According to Carris, he and Meub wanted to buy the land in hopes of preserving most of it. "In order to accomplish that objective and at the same time provide us with a building site, we offered the city what we thought was a fair deal: We would improve and maintain the road to Rocky Pond as well as allow use and access to Rocky Pond for activities the Recreation Department regarded as appropriate," Carris wrote.

The deal

◆ Carris and Meub wanted to buy 125 acres near the Rutland Country Club and build a pair of homes.

Land Deal: Now seen unlikely

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Meub made this offer to aldermen in the closed-door meeting. Jones followed by questioning the legality of the secret session and publicizing most of the plan, although not Carris' involvement.

That led to a standing-room-only crowd of almost 50 people opposing the plan at a board meeting earlier this month.

"All hell broke loose when Alderman Jones violated the principle of executive session," Carris wrote. "I have to say there was absolutely no intention of sneaking something by the public... To the contrary, our intent was to make sure that the city knew everything that was going on."

The controversy led aldermen Monday to create a fund to accept private donations in case the city can buy the land itself. Carris, however, fears no one will be able to afford the rising price.

"We continue to be interested in this property (at a reasonable price) and would like to build there in a spot that would not have

any negative effect (real or perceived) and to preserve the whole parcel through an agency like the Vermont Land Trust," Carris wrote.

"It's doubtful that this will be possible," he added. "I believe that Alderman Jones' political games will result in a negative impact on the city." Jones, in response, stood by his actions.

"People overwhelmingly have said this didn't belong behind closed doors, and there's no public support to develop this land and have any driveways through city property," Jones said Thursday.

Jones refuted claims he was responsible for the rising price.

"If there's any scenario of a bidding war created here, it's by Mr. Meub and Carris seeking to purchase the property," Jones said. "They're looking to scapegoats to blame this on."

And Jones noted what Carris acknowledged in his letter: The city's receipt of federal land and water conservation funds for Pine Hill Park makes it difficult to approve any private uses such as the driveway.

Carris submitted his letter to the Rutland Herald at the same time Meub formally announced his Republican candidacy for governor. In his speech Tuesday, Meub mentioned Muddy Pond when he recalled the time his dog Molly fell through its ice.

"I lay on the ice and moved toward Molly—I got Molly out and safely returned to shore," Meub said in his speech. "I tell this story to indicate that I am willing to take risks when the situation requires it."

Meub was out of town Wednesday and could not be reached for further comment.

Rutland City owns about 300 acres in its northwest quadrant that includes Giorgetti and Pine Hill parks. The land is adjacent to the Rutland Country Club, which features an 18-hole golf course and adjacent undeveloped land around Rocky and Muddy ponds.

Country club members would have to approve any sale of the pond land. Club President Victor Shappy didn't return a call for comment Wednesday.

Duplicate Bridge
Rutland, Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Godnick Center, Deer Street, 7:15 p.m., call Jean Seward at 773-9436.

Youth Leagues

Rutland Midget League
Major Division: Kiwanis 8, IAFF 1. Winning pitcher: Kevin O'Rourke. Hitting star: Michael Shea.

Chess/Checkers

Rutland, Play chess and checkers at Dana Recreation Center, 39 Center St., 7-9 p.m., free.

◆ Rutland City will hold two Memorial Day ceremonies today.

An annual program at Evergreen Cemetery on Route 4 will start at 11 a.m.

The Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1 will dedicate a county Vietnam Veterans Memorial at 2 p.m. at Main Street Park. The event will feature a speech by veteran James E. Ryan.

Adult Softball
Women's B: Jilly's Roadrunners 8, Friar's Over Easy 7
Women's C: Sweet Tomatoes 17, Olivebrook 0
Men's B: Brownstone II 11, Nailers 10
Men's B: Jilly's Dogs 16, Jilly's Renegades 11
Men's D: Stoplight vs. Two Sheas, MS 7:40 p.m.
Men's D: Center St. Saloonatics vs. Jilly's, MS 8:50 p.m.
Men's C: C's 10, Midas/Mr. C's 9

Wednesday's Events

Softball
Proctor at Green Mountain, 4 p.m.
Windsor at Hartford, 4 p.m.
Bellows Falls at Leland & Gray, 4:30 p.m.
MSJ at Mill River, 4 p.m.
West Rutland at Whitingham, 3 p.m.
West Rutland vs. Wilmington at Whitingham, 5 p.m.

Thursday's Events

Softball
MSJ at Mill River, 3 p.m. (completion of a suspended game, followed by a regular game)
State Tournaments
See playoff pairings
Adult Softball
Women's B: Jilly's vs. Jilly's Jags, GIO
Women's C: Sweet Tomatoes vs. Ryan, Smith & Carbine, MS 8:50 p.m.
Women's C: Jilly's Pounders vs. Zemo's, MN
Women's C: Jilly's vs. Red Moon, MF
Men's B: Jilly's Roughnecks vs. Cassi/Carey's Auto, JFC
Men's D: Sanborn's Paint vs. American Legion, MS 7:40 p.m.
Men's C: Feds vs. Jilly's, MS 6:30 p.m.

Friday

THINGS TO DO

Party Bridge
Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, call 773-1853.

Sprucing up Depot Park

"The Big Dig" down at Depot Park, the first and most important step of the Depot Park Beautification Project, went great. We did what had to be done — defined the new flower beds, renewed the soil, moved existing shrubs to where we wanted them, and generally cleaned up the area — in half the time we had estimated it would take.

Bill Reardon and his team from Rutland City's Parks and Recreation Department made sure we had the topsoil and compost when and where we needed it; Dick Wright's Reporative Services crew attacked the tough job of removing sod, turning over the soil in the beds, and replanting large shrubs with amazing energy and stamina. A special thanks to CEA Inc. for bringing in heavy machinery to turn over the compacted soil and sod in the new garden area around the historical photographs.

Rutland Garden Club members and master gardeners worked tirelessly digging up and moving perennials, raking in topsoil and compost, cleaning up litter on the grass, sweeping the sidewalks, and, of course, generally supervising the men's activities.

Thanks to the passers-by for their words of encouragement. And thanks to Price Chopper for keeping the workers supplied with water and light refreshment.

The next step is "Planting Day" tentatively scheduled for Monday,

May 15, when we'll plant about 150 new perennials and shrubs. Please call me at 773-8792 if you can help. In the meantime, I encourage everyone who walks through Depot Park to pick up that stray piece of litter and throw it in one of those nice big trash cans — let's cherish this new beauty spot.

BRENDA ISAACS
(Chairwoman,
Civic Beautification,
Rutland Garden Club)
Mendon

Thursday's Results

Softball
Mill River 5, MSJ 1
State Tournaments
See playoff pairings
Rutland Adult Softball
Women's B: Jilly's 15, Jilly's Jags 3
Women's C: Sweet Tomatoes vs. Ryan, Smith & Carbine, MS 8:50 p.m.
Women's C: Zemo's 12, Jilly's Pounders 0
Women's C: Jilly's vs. Red Moon, p.p.d.
Men's B: Jilly's Roughnecks vs. Cassi/Carey's Auto, p.p.d.
Men's D: Sanborn's Paint vs. American Legion, MS 7:40 p.m.
Men's C: Feds 18, Jilly's 6

Tuesday's Events

State Tournaments
See playoff pairings
Rutland Adult Softball
Women's B: Two Sheas vs. Wayne's Autobody, JFC
Women's C: Jilly's vs. Jilly's Bottom Fifth, MN
Men's B: Dart Mart vs. Jilly's Renegades, MS 6:30 p.m.
Men's B: Brownstone I vs. Brownstone II, MS 7:40 p.m.
Men's B: Parker's Classic vs. Muck's/Reply Sports, MS 8:50 p.m.
Men's D: VAC vs. Jilly's, MF
Men's D: Speedi Lube vs. Two Sheas, GIO

State Tournaments

The plan by two Rutland residents to build houses near Rocky and Muddy ponds appears to have fallen apart, but the attention focused

on Pine Hill Park and its value to Rutland residents might give city officials reason to look again at ways to protect the park and surrounding lands.

Alderman Kevin Jones has drawn criticism from other aldermen and from William Carris, who wanted to build a house near Rocky Pond, for alerting the public to discussions with the Board of Aldermen that had occurred in executive session. Carris and Rutland lawyer William Meub were interested in gaining access to property owned by the Rutland Country Club next to Pine Hill Park, but to do so they would have to run a driveway through the city park. Once their plans became public knowledge, public opposition arose immediately.

But it was not Jones who torpedoed their plan. It was the clumsiness with which they sought to carry it out. Their initial mistake was to try to smooth their own path by arranging an executive session with the Board of Aldermen.

The board may have thought it was doing them a favor in meeting behind closed doors. But as Jones points out, the board was breaking its own rules to do so. And what are the board's open meeting rules for unless they are to guarantee that the public is party to the discussion of public affairs?

People hoping to use public resources for their own purposes may be tempted to think they can win the public to their side by arranging their plans in private, dotting all the I's and crossing all the T's, then presenting the public with a fait accompli. That is an approach that asks for

Public opposition to development of the Rocky and Muddy pond area suggests the people of Rutland would like to see the whole area become an even more appealing natural retreat.

trouble.

The public becomes suspicious when public business is conducted in secret. Maybe suspicion in this case was not warranted; maybe the Carris-Meub project would have been carried out with maximum sensitivity to the public good. But for Carris and Meub to solicit support from the aldermen out of view of the public was an impolitic and self-defeating tactic.

Further, if the issue had been subject to public discussion from the outset, Carris and Meub might have learned earlier that regulations related to federal money used for the park would prevent the creation of a private driveway through the park. That information might have helped them avoid embarrassment.

Carris has said that public knowledge of his plans will now drive up the price of the Country Club property. But the difficulty of access to the Country Club land actually might drive down the price. At any rate, the whole controversy suggests the city might be well advised to explore with the Vermont Land Trust or other organizations the possibility of acquiring development rights for or ownership of the Country Club property.

Public opposition to development of the Rocky and Muddy pond area suggests the people of Rutland would like to see the whole area become an even more appealing natural retreat.

Preserve sanctuary inside city

I live in Rutland City near Giorgetti Park, that wonderful place that is the gateway to Rocky and Muddy Pond. My faithful canine, Lily, and I make frequent treks up Pine Hill through the woods where, I swear, Winnie, Tigger and Eeyore have had many adventures.

Lily and I experience many bonding moments listening to, looking for and seeing what lives amongst the trees and rocks. She and I have witnessed the beavers on Muddy Pond, slapping their tails at us. As I write, a Canada goose sits on her eggs amidst a boggy island full of pitcher plants. I scour the wilderness looking for pitcher plants, and lo and behold, there they sit in my back yard, beckoning me to come see them every day to check if their most glorious blooms are out for me to witness with my binoculars.

I absolutely love Muddy and Rocky Pond, to put it very simply. I feel like it is my sanctuary. I connect with myself when I go there. I connect with my Lily. I connect with the friends I share it with, and I connect with the reason I live in Vermont. The best part is, I do live in a city, a small city, and I can walk to this wilderness adventure.

Rutland has had so many positive changes: Depot Park's new look, the Plaza's facelift, the new traffic lights, the most beautiful Paramount refreshed and revived. Please, let's keep the really big positive show in town. Let's keep Muddy and Rocky Pond just the way it is. Paving the road and allowing houses to be built up there will destroy the mystical ambiance. As was said at the aldermen's meeting on May 1 by Susan Mathewson, "If you make it easy for everybody to go there, there will be less to go to." I am by no means saying keep people out. I am saying show people it is there, let everyone decide if they want to put the effort into how they get there. We all need to get out and walk and enjoy nature more. If while you are walking and enjoying the natural beauty the area has to give you, and perhaps there is some unfortunate trash, bring a bag, stash the trash. It will give you a feeling of belonging to the area, the earth and also helps you to feel connected with the rest of the world. Please let's keep the wilderness in Rutland City. It is a treasure we can't afford to let go.

LULU ANDERSON
Rutland

Time to sign up for swim lessons

The Rutland Recreation Department will be giving swim lessons this summer, with the first two-week session set to start June 19.

Lessons are set by ability and age. The numbers are limited, so don't wait to sign up your swimmer.

Fees are \$10 for residents and \$17 for non-residents.

Sign up at the Dana Recreation Center on East Center Street.

Lifeguard training class starts June 16

The Rutland Recreation Department will offer a lifeguard training course June 12-16.

If you are looking for a summer job or a challenging career as a professional lifeguard, this course is the best place for you to start.

You will get all the training you need to respond to emergencies, and you will be certified by the American Red Cross.

Fees are \$95 for residents and \$102 for non-residents. Sign-up is at the Dana Recreation Center.

Party Bridge
Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, call 773-1853.

Glad to know of pond issue

I attended the meeting at City Hall regarding the Meub, Carris, Rocky Pond fiasco. I would like to thank the Rutland Herald for printing the time of the meeting and informing me. Also thanks to Kevin Jones for bringing the issue public.

Mr. Carris stated in the Herald that those who attended were organized and misinformed. Mr. Carris or Mr. Meub did not attend (thanks for no information).

All of those who attended to help save our parks are congratulated. Imagine if we were organized. Should there be a meeting (public, not behind closed doors) in the future, let's show what the citizens and not just special interests want and really organize. We vote people into office, and we can fire them.

CHUCK NASMITH

Group forming to protect ponds

A group of Rutland residents is forming an organization to protect the city's Rocky and Muddy ponds.

The new "Citizens for the Protection of the Rocky Pond Area" hopes to work with local leaders as they study the possible purchase of the area, adjacent to the city-owned Pine Hill Park.

The group is gathering a list of supporters. People seeking more information can contact Micah Haven at 773-0702 or Michael Walsh at 775-8001.

Tai Chi classes

The Rutland Recreation Department is offering two sessions of Tai Chi. The first session is from June 1 to July 6, and the second session runs from July 20 to Aug. 24. The classes are on Thursdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Dana Recreation Center.



Jack Crowther works on the descriptions surrounding the new Vietnam Veterans Memorial on Friday in Rutland's Main Street Park. The Rutland chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America provided the money and services for the memorial.

Due respect

Vietnam Veterans Memorial to be unveiled on Monday

By DAMIAN PAGANO
Herald Staff

Joe Lynch was at work at the Rutland Post Office recently when a young co-worker pointed to the Purple Heart license plate on his car and asked him what it was.

"She didn't know what a Purple Heart meant," he said Friday. "I couldn't believe it."

Lynch, a Vietnam veteran, told her it was a medal given to people wounded in battle. He received his after being hit by shrapnel from a Viet Cong anti-tank rocket

in February 1968.

"She just didn't know," he said.

But he hopes that the new Rutland County Vietnam Veterans Memorial, which is scheduled to be unveiled Monday at 2 p.m. just south of Main Street Park in Rutland, helps to educate young people about the country's longest war and those who served in it.

"I think it's something we need," Lynch said. "We have to get some of the younger people involved."

The memorial has been several years in the making. The monument itself is a 3-ton block of marble carved with the relief of a soldier lying at rest. A Vietnam vet-

eran named John Reno started the project as a way to work through the anger and grief caused by his war experience.

But Reno died in a boating accident in 1982 and his vision went unrealized for several years.

The barely begun sculpture was moved from Reno's Fair Haven home to a sand pit in Castleton. John Bergeron, president of the Rutland Chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America, heard about Reno and the marble block and set about tracking it down.

"I was curious about what happened to

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Memorial: New Rutland monument honors veterans of Vietnam War

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Bergeron said. "So I started knocking on doors ... and one thing led to another and I found

To make a long story short, Bergeron took the marble block to the Carving Studio in West Rutland. Don Ramey, a sculptor there, agreed to finish the project for free.

"We talked about what we were going to do with it," Bergeron said. "John Reno had carved the soldier's face and part of a helmet, but it was pretty much unfinished. So we decided to do a relief of this soldier lying at rest. Sort of like a simple tomb."

The next step, Bergeron said, was to compile a list of Rutland County residents who served in Vietnam. The memorial was for

them, he said, and he wanted to include everybody.

He wanted to include people like Mary Margaret Ryan and Barbara Gleason — high school friends who enlisted together as nurses on Memorial Day 1967 and who saw the horrors of war while working at an Army field hospital.

He wanted to include people like James Ryan, who earned the Distinguished Flying Cross and flew

more than 200 fighter and bomber missions over Southeast Asia.

He wanted to include David Underhill, Joseph Fish, Gary Hall and all of the other Rutland boys who were killed in action.

Bergeron didn't want to miss anyone.

"It took a little longer than we thought, but none of us are in the business of building monuments," he said.

And according to those whose names will appear on the monument, the wait was worth it.

"I am just so amazed at what they've done," Mary Ryan said. "I went to see 'The Wall' and 'The Women's Memorial' in Washington, but this has moved me more. And I think it's because of the sense of community that did this."

After returning from a one-year tour of duty, Ryan said she quietly settled down in Rutland — the city she was raised in. Her medical training as an Army nurse served her well and she got a nursing job at Rutland Regional Medical Center.

Though she was not subjected to front-line combat in Vietnam or the taunts of protestors when she returned to the states, she said she still had a hard time talking about her experience.

"There's just some things you keep inside," she said.

But when high school teachers later asked her to speak to classes about the war, she decided she would start to let some of those things out.

She also got involved with the Vietnam Veterans of America a few months ago. Her job, she said, was to call the families of the 18 Rutland men killed in action and tell them about the dedication ceremony.

"I didn't know how to begin," she said. "I almost had to hang up the phone, because I thought I was going to burst into tears."

James Ryan is slightly more stoic about his experience. He wanted to go to war, he said, because he wanted to see what it was like.

"I'd heard about it and wanted to see for myself," he said. "But once I got my first taste of it, I wanted to leave."

Ryan spent eight years in the Air Force, including several years flying missions over Vietnam.

He will be the keynote speaker at Monday's ceremony, and he said his speech was tough to put together because of the wide range of emotions associated with the war.

"But the thing I learned was that each individual did their duty to the best of their ability over there. There is nothing to be ashamed

Party Bridge
Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, call 773-1853.

Youth Leagues

Town and Country League
Martins 10, Red Sox 5. Winning pitcher: Justin McMahon. Hitting stars: Sam Reynolds and Nate Lougee.

West Rutland Youth League
Yankees 8, Indians 0. Winning pitcher: Matt Zawistowski. Hitting stars: Team effort.
Braves 7, Orioles 5. Winning pitcher: Justin O'Rourke. Hitting stars: Team effort.

Rutland City Midget League
Rutland Fuel 9, IAFF 5. Winning pitcher: Tim Wright. Hitting stars: Team effort.

Play Chess/Checkers

Rutland, Play chess and checkers at Dana Recreation Center, 39 Center St., 7-9 p.m., free, all levels welcome.

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, call 773-1853.

Dance Lesson

Rutland, Mary-Anne and Mario Liguori lead polpotri of dances lesson, includes line, contra, circle and more, 7:30 p.m., Godnick Center, \$2, pre-registration not required, all welcome, 773-1853.

THINGS TO DO

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THINGS TO DO

Ballroom Dance

Rutland, The Rutland Ballroom Dance Club holds dance at the Godnick Adult Center, One Deer Street, 7:30-11 p.m., members, \$5; non-members, \$8, all level of dancers welcome, door prize, lesson at 8:30 p.m., light refreshments available, 773-6971.

Crowley Race

PROCTOR — There will be a 2000 Crowley Brothers Memorial Road Race after all. The race will be Sunday, June 11 with the starting line near the park in Proctor. This finish will be near the Rutland Intermediate School.

This will be a no-frills race — no entry fee, no electronic timing, etc.

Members of the Rutland Area running club, the Gaelic A.C., decided the event needed to go off as always.

"It's a fun run; just show up and run," the club's Lincoln Fenn said. "It's an important tradition to keep alive. Hopefully, someone will step up and take it over next year."

The race begins at 9 a.m.

Artists to display works in Alley

Center Street Alley will again become an art gallery as local artists display their work and demonstrate their skills for the second annual summer "Art in the Alley."

Artists of all mediums are invited to participate each week through Labor Day. Art in the Alley begins at 11 a.m. and ends at 2 p.m.

Artists are asked to call Patty Sabotka at 775-1550 for more information.

Art in the Alley is one of many downtown events scheduled this summer. For a schedule, call Downtown Rutland Partnership at 773-9380.

'Hanging out' gets attention

It has come to my attention that teenagers have been "hanging out" at Depot Park, downtown by Wal-Mart. It has also come to my attention that the teenagers have been misbehaving while "hanging out" down there.

When I say misbehaving, I mean throwing rocks and other objects at shoppers' cars, writing graffiti on the park benches, and other things along those lines.

Now, I think something should be done about that, because I don't think it is right for people to be afraid to travel down there, being afraid that rocks will be thrown at their cars.

Thank you for taking time to read my letter, and I hope you take it into consideration.

JENN NELSON
(Stafford Technical Center Student)
Proctor

Co-ed softball

The Rutland Recreation Department's Co-ed Softball will begin Friday, June 9. Schedules, rule book and scorebooks may be picked up at the recreation office on 39 East Center Street in Rutland from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Adult Softball

Tuesday's Results

Women's C: Cass' Pub vs. Red Moon, p.p.d.
Men's B: Keith's II/Jilly's vs. Olie's, p.p.d.
Men's B: Brownstone I vs. Jilly's, p.p.d.
Men's D: Bizon Construction vs. Tyler's Team, p.p.d.

Men's D: Speed's Lube vs. All Lines, p.p.d.
Men's C: Fris's vs. Jilly's Devils, p.p.d.

Wednesday's Games

Women's B: Jilly's Roadrunners vs. Wayne's Autobody, MS 6:30 p.m.
Women's C: Olie's Girls vs. Zemo's, MS 8:50 p.m.
Women's C: Sweet Tomatoes vs. Jilly's Bottom Fifth, MN
Men's B: Jilly's Roughnecks vs. Brownstone II, MF
Men's B: Cass'/Carey's Auto vs. Muck's/Replay Sports, GIO
Men's D: Sanborn's Paint vs. Two Sheas, JFC
Men's C: Magoo's vs. Midas/Mr. Cs, MS 7:30

Youth Leagues

Senior Babe Ruth

Brandon 12, Chester 0. Winning pitcher: Jesse Carwell. Hitting star: Nick Stahl.
Rutland VFW 10, Mill River 8. Winning pitcher: Doug Barnes. Hitting star: Jordan Fitzgerald.

Baseball camp

The Rutland Youth Baseball Camp for players ages 9-13 will be held from June 26 to June 29 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Rutland Town's Northwood Park.

The camp, sponsored by the Rutland Town Recreation Department, is limited to the first 60 registrants.

The staff will instruct in the basics of hitting, bunting, throwing, base running, infield and outfield play, team offense, individual defensive fundamentals and team defense strategies.

The staff includes Stan Blicharz, a former Castleton State baseball player, a baseball coach for 33 years and a 23-year umpire; Mike Grabowski, a former Castleton State baseball player and head coach and Montreal Expos minor league player; Jim McKeon, former Rutland American Legion Post 31 baseball coach and Kevin Bellomo, former Western Carolina University baseball player and Southern League batting champion, San Francisco Giants minor league player and current head baseball coach at Rutland High School.

The registration deadline is June 20. The tuition of \$48 includes instruction, drink breaks, camp t-shirt and individual skill awards. The cost is \$45 for each additional family member. Call Blicharz at 775-2887 for more information.

ORGANIZATIONS

Duplicate Bridge

Rutland, Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Godnick Center, Deer Street, 7:15 p.m., call Jean Seward at 773-9436.

Cardio-Dance is high-energy class

The Rutland Recreation Department is currently offering a Cardio-Dance Aerobic Program, which will run through July 26. The program runs Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

This high-energy class is taught by Mary Ellen Conlon and Susan Classen, and is sure to jump start your day. Teachers, this is a great way to put an energy boost into your summer. Sign-up is at the Dana Recreation Center.

If you have any questions, you may call 773-1822.

Play Chess/Checkers

Rutland, Play chess and checkers at Dana Recreation Center, 39 Center St., 7-9 p.m., free, all levels welcome.

ORGANIZATIONS

Duplicate Bridge

Rutland, Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Godnick Center, Deer Street, 7:15 p.m., call Jean Seward at 773-9436.

Dance Lesson

Rutland, Mary-Anne and Mario Liguori lead line dancing lesson, 10 a.m., Godnick Center, \$2, pre-registration not required, all welcome, 773-1853.

Seniors tennis

The Godnick Center is sponsoring a doubles tennis league for players 50 and over. Play begins on June 20 (at White's courts, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.) and will last 10 weeks. The fee is \$20 for Rutland residents and \$27 for non-residents. For more information, contact the Rutland Recreation Department at 773-1822.

Thursday's Results

Rutland Adult Softball

Women's B: B.E. McGee vs. Jilly's Jags, MS 7:40 p.m.
Women's B: Olie's 8, Two Sheas 3
Women's C: Olliewood 8, Ryan, Smith & Carbine 6
Men's B: Dart Mart 10, Palms 7
Men's D: VAC vs. A Crust Above, MS 8:50 p.m.
Men's D: American Legion 8, Buccaneers 5
Men's C: CJ's 8, Feds 5

Youth Leagues

Rutland Midget League

IAFF 10, Eagles 7
Winning pitcher: Matt Litter. Hitting stars: Team effort.

Senior Babe Ruth

Rutland Town 8, Manchester 6.
Winning pitcher: Seth Wilson. Save: Greg Lewis.
Hitting stars: Adam Root and Chad Drake.

Wednesday's Results

Rutland Adult Softball

Women's B: Jilly's Roadrunners vs. Wayne's Autobody, MS 6:30 p.m.
Women's C: Olie's Girls vs. Zemo's, MS 8:50 p.m.
Women's C: Sweet Tomatoes vs. Jilly's Bottom Fifth, MN
Men's B: Jilly's Roughnecks vs. Brownstone II, MF
Men's B: Cass'/Carey's Auto vs. Muck's/Replay Sports, GIO
Men's D: Sanborn's Paint vs. Two Sheas, JFC
Men's C: Magoo's vs. Midas/Mr. Cs, MS 7:40 p.m.

Thursday's Events

Rutland Adult Softball

Women's B: B.E. McGee vs. Jilly's Jags, MS 7:40 p.m.
Women's B: Two Sheas vs. Jilly's, MF
Women's C: Olliewood vs. Ryan, Smith & Carbine, MN
Men's B: Dart Mart vs. Palms, GIO
Men's D: VAC vs. A Crust Above, MS 8:50 p.m.
Men's D: American Legion vs. Buccaneers, JFC
Men's C: Feds vs. CJ's, MS 6:30 p.m.

City band begins summer concerts

The Rutland City Band, the oldest municipal band in the United States, will open its season Sunday, June 18, at 7:30 p.m.

The band performs every Sunday throughout the summer in the bandstand in Main Street Park, located at the corner of South Main and West streets.

Friday

THINGS TO DO

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, call 773-1853.



A lifeguard chair awaits another summer at White Pool in Rutland. Workers were cleaning the pool Thursday in anticipation of opening June 10.

Tuesday's Results

Wednesday's Events
Legion Baseball 6-21
 Barre at Montpelier, 6 p.m.
Rutland Adult Softball
 Women's B: Two Sheas vs. Jilly's Jags, MS 6:30 p.m.
 Women's C: Andrea's Pizza vs. Zemo's, MN
 Women's C: Jilly's vs. Ollewood, MF
 Men's B: Jilly's Renegades vs. Jilly's, MS 7:40 p.m.
 Men's B: Dart Mart vs. Brownstone II, MS 8:50 p.m.
 Men's D: Bizon Construction vs. Stoplight, JFC
 Men's C: C.J.'s vs. Jilly's Devils, GIO

Youth Leagues

Junior Babe Ruth
 Rutland Expos 13, Poultney 9. Winning pitcher: Ricky Fredette. Hitting star: Jake Eddy.
Senior Babe Ruth
 Brandon Post 55 5, Manchester 1. Winning pitcher: Shawn Hendee. Hitting star: Kyle Bearor.
 Mill River 15, Rutland Town 8. Winning pitcher: Jesse Lawrence. Hitting star: Team effort.
 Rutland VFW 10, North Bennington 8. Winning pitcher: Joe Stukus. Hitting star: Team effort.

Dance Lesson

Rutland, Mary-Anne and Mario Liguori lead potpourri of dances lesson, includes line, contra, circle and more, 7:30 p.m., Godnick Center, \$3, pre-registration not required, all welcome, 773-1853.

ORGANIZATIONS

Duplicate Bridge 6-21
 Rutland, Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Godnick Center, Deer Street, 7:15 p.m., call Jean Seward at 773-9436.

Lifeguards: A hot commodity

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can Red Cross of Central Vermont-New Hampshire Valley, which has an office in Rutland, has issued 54 lifeguard certifications so far this fiscal year, which runs from June to July. That number has been on the decrease, however. In the previous fiscal year, 10 courses were taught to 65 students. The year before that, 10 courses were taught to 85 students.

"I've had a lot of calls from people searching for lifeguards," said Bill Codling, director of community education with the regional American Red Cross chapter. "I'm not sure exactly why that is. It may be that (potential candidates) may be looking at doing other things, most lifeguard positions don't pay that well."

Lifeguards typically earn somewhere between minimum wage

and \$7 an hour. Candidates must complete some 30 hours of training for basic certification, which can cost upward of \$70. Further disincentives for candidates include sun-related hazards, such as skin cancer.

Martha Clifford, head of recreation in Castleton, is still searching for a water-safety instructor for summer swim lessons. She put an ad out a month ago.

"We've had no applicants," she said. "I'm out searching, making phone calls ... The Red Cross is holding a course this Sunday and they said they had a dozen or so people signed up. Maybe one will come out of there."

Leif Dahlin, head of Rutland City's Recreation Department, said fortunately his lifeguard needs had been met for White Pool, which is set to open June 10. There will be eight lifeguards from which to draw,

he said, usually four per shift.

"We're intact," he said Thursday afternoon as he prepared the pool. "We're very fortunate here."

In Brandon, Pittsford and Rutland Town, the story was the same.

"There's a general shortage of lifeguards, but there's a general shortage of employees, too," said Elizabeth Ambuhl, head of the Rutland Town Recreation Department. "But we're fine."

Dahlin, who spent many of his youthful summers in the lifeguard chair, said he still thought the job was a pleasant way to make a seasonal wage.

"What better job could you have in the summer?" he said.

There will be several Red Cross lifeguard courses held in the coming days, including this Sunday at Green Mountain College in Poultney. For more information, the Red Cross can be reached at 773-9159.

Friday,
June 23

Big Band Dance

Rutland, The Rutland Historical Society summer big band dance series features the recorded music of Artie Shaw and Harry James, at the Godnick Center off Deer Street, 7-9 p.m., dancers and listeners welcome, free admission, free refreshment.

Informational Meeting

Rutland, Area hams and interested persons meet at noon at Seward's Family Restaurant, North Main Street to plan for The National Amateur Radio Field Day encampment at the Rutland Alumni Field June 24 and 25.

Dance Lesson

Rutland, Mary-Anne and Mario Liguori lead line dancing lesson, 10 a.m., Godnick Center, \$2, pre-registration not required, all welcome, 773-1853.

Hot commodity

Lifeguards in high demand during the swimming season

Recreation Department. "But we're running into a real shortage finding people to cover the early part of the season."

Cavacas said he has had to postpone swimming lessons because

most of his eight full- and part-time lifeguards are high school students and are not certified for water safety instruction, which has a minimum age requirement of 17.

On top of that, pools often open

around Memorial Day and stay open through Labor Day, but high school students can't start working full time until the end of June and have to head back to school at the end of August or beginning of September. Class trips are often held at the end of the school year, too, Cavacas said.

The allure of lifeguarding may be on the wane as well. The Ameri-

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By CALES DANILOFF
Herald Staff

While finding lifeguards has become a challenge in parts of the nation, most municipal recreation departments in Rutland County appear to be keeping their heads above water.

"We're fine for the season," said Hurley Cavacas, head of the Proctor

Art in the Alley *Shapiro* Returns This Summer

DOWNTOWN RUTLAND - Center Street Alley will again become an art gallery as local artists display their work and demonstrate their skills for the second annual summer "Art in the Alley."

Hosted by Tapas Restaurant & Tavern, Art in the Alley gained quickly in popularity last summer and because of that, organizer Patty Sabotka decided to expand the event from twice a month to every week.

Artists of all mediums are invited to participate each week through Labor Day. Art in the Alley begins at 11 am and ends at 2 pm. Artists are asked to call Patty Sabotka at 802-775-1550 for more information.

Art in the Alley is one of many Downtown Rutland events scheduled for this summer. For a complete schedule, contact Downtown Rutland Partnership at 802-773-9380.

**Monday,
June 19**

6-19

Ballroom Dance

Rutland, Ballroom dance lessons with Mary-Anne and Mario Liguori, 7:30 p.m., 1 hour, Godnick Center, \$6 per couple; pre-registration not required, all welcome, 773-1853.

Rutland City Midget League

Kwanis 17, Knights of Columbus 3. Winning pitcher: Kevin O'Rourke. Hitting star: Team effort.

Senior Babe Ruth

Whitman's of No. Bennington 5, Mill River 3. Winning pitcher: Mike Becker. Hitting star: Graham McFadden.

Junior Babe Ruth

Proctor 17, Rutland Town Dodgers 14. Winning pitcher: Matt Briere-Sallis. Hitting star: Ian Hagen. Rutland Post 31, 12, Granville 10. Winning pitcher: Kyle Massie. Hitting star: Team effort. Poutney 18, Rutland Town Dodgers 16. Hitting star: Team effort.

Play Chess/Checkers *6-18*

Rutland, Play chess and checkers at Dana Recreation Center, 39 Center St., 7-9 p.m., free, all levels welcome.

Party Bridge *6-18*

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, call 773-1853.

Today

THINGS TO DO *6-19*

Ballroom Dance

Rutland, Ballroom dance lessons with Mary-Anne and Mario Liguori, 7:30 p.m., 1 hour, Godnick Center, \$6 per couple; pre-registration not required, all welcome, 773-1853.

Let the season begin *6/20*



Missy Goraj, 11, (top photo) gets ready to dive into White Pool Monday as instructor Lily Foley watches. Kylie Peterson, 7, (bottom left) tries to keep warm during a break in her first swimming lesson of the summer. Nicole Phillips (bottom right) encourages her class of 4- and 5-year-olds working with foam "noodles."

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Tuesday's Events

ADULT SOFTBALL
Women's B: Jilly's vs. B.E. McGee, MS 6:30 p.m.
Women's C: Sweet Tomatoes vs. Ryan, Smith & Carbine, MN
Men's B: Jilly's Roughnecks vs. Parker's Classic, MS 7:40 p.m.
Men's B: Palms vs. Muck's/Replay Sports, MS 8:50 p.m.
Men's D: A Crust Above vs. Buccaneers, JFC
Men's D: Jilly's vs. All Lines, MF
Men's D: VAC vs. Two Sheas, GIO 11:20

Monday's Results

ADULT SOFTBALL
Women's B: Friar's/Over Easy 14, Wayne's Autobody 9
Women's C: Ollie's Girls 14, Red Moon 2
Men's B: Brownstone 16, Cass/Carey's Auto 7
Men's B: Jilly's Dogs vs. Ollie's, MS 8:50 p.m.
Men's D: Sanborn's Paint 14, Brahma Bulls 11

Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

Band Concert

Rutland, The Rutland City Band performs concert in the bandstand in Main Street Park, corner of South Main and West streets, 7:30 p.m.

Drums in the downtown



Participants clap during a drum circle event called "Advance Music: Drum Journeys of Earth" held recently at Depot Park in Rutland. The group plans to hold the event once a month until Labor Day.

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Rutland Adult Softball
Women's B: Jilly's Roadrunners vs. Jilly's Jags, JFC
Women's C: Andrea's Pizza vs. Red Moon, MN
Women's C: Ollie's Girls vs. Ryan, Smith & Carbine, MF
Men's B: Parker's Classic vs. Ollie's, GIO
Men's D: Brahma Bulls vs. Tyler's Team, MS 6:30 p.m.
Men's C: CJ's vs. Jilly's, MS 7:40 p.m.

Youth Leagues
West Rutland Little League
Indians 9, Yankees 7. Winning pitcher and hitting star: David Webster.
Orioles 15, Braves 10. Winning pitcher: Aaron Gero. Hitting star: Keith Barrows.
Junior Babe Ruth
Poutney 15, Brandon 5. Winning pitcher: Cody Richards. Hitting star: Team effort.
Rutland Town 8, Granville, N.Y., 1. Winning pitcher: Darryl Wood. Hitting star: Greg Washburn, Bobby DeAngelis.
Rotary South 8, Rutland Town Expos 7. Winning pitcher: Brad Basso. Hitting stars: Team effort.
Senior Babe Ruth
Mill River 6, Chester 3. Winning pitcher: Aaron Lawrence. Hitting stars: Mike Gage, Defensive star: Joben Esslinger.

Fond memories of Rutland

After reading the article about Cheryl Hooker and her memories of growing up in Rutland, I am forced to remember my youth in the city. Growing up in Rutland was wonderful for me. Like Mrs. Hooker, I didn't think that life existed beyond my block (Cardinal Place and Shepherd Lane). Until elementary school anyway. Some of my favorite times are still those from high school (RHS Class of '94), in the "old" building on Library Avenue. Now I live and work in Boston (where there is proof that accountants know how to have fun). It's what some call a "real" city vs. Rut Vegas. Still, there is nothing like a concert in Main Street park and a drink at one of my favorite bars (if you know me, you can guess where I am talking about). I still think Boston is wonderful, with all that it offers. However, for me, there truly is no place like home.

CARYN DUPUIS

Waltham, Mass

Friday

THINGS TO DO

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome. Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, call 773-1853.

Thursday's Results

Legion Baseball
Bellows Falls 10, Chester 2
Rutland 7, Fair Haven 3
Bennington 6, Brattleboro 4
Windsor 13, Hartford 3
Rutland Adult Softball
Women's B: Jilly's Roadrunners vs. FH Fitness/Ballard's, MS 6:30 p.m.
Women's C: Sweet Tomatoes vs. Olliewood, MS 8:50 p.m.
Women's C: Jilly's Bottom Fifth vs. Jilly's Pounders, MN
Men's B: Keith's II/Jilly's vs. Nallers, MS 7:40 p.m.
Men's C: Friar's vs. Midas/Mr. C's, JFC
Men's C: Jilly's vs. Ollie's, MF
Men's C: Feds vs. Vitoz, GIO

Friday's Events

Softball
North-South Games
At Poutney
Two games beginning at 7 p.m.

Youth Leagues
Rutland County Senior League
Rutland Town 9, North Bennington 5. Winning pitcher: Greg Walett, Sam Conway, save.
Hitting Stars: Conway and Greg Lewis.
Mill River 13, Brandon-Pittsford 4. Winning pitcher: Jesse Williams. Hitting stars: Team effort.

Today

THINGS TO DO

Farmers Market

Rutland, The Farmers Market in Depot Park features local produce, baked goods, crafts, hanging baskets and much more, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Play Chess/Checkers

Rutland, Play chess and checkers at Dana Recreation Center, 39 Center St., 7-9 p.m., free, all levels welcome.

Dance Lesson

Rutland, Mary-Anne and Mario Liguori lead line dancing lesson, 10 a.m., Godnick Center, \$2, pre-registration not required, all welcome, 773-1853.

Wednesday's Results

American Legion Baseball
Bennington 7, Hartford 0 (forfeit)
Rutland Adult Softball
Women's B: FH Fitness/Ballard's 3, Wayne's Autobody 2
Women's C: Sweet Tomatoes 7, Jilly's Pounders 0 (forfeit)
Men's B: Dart Mart 23, Cass/Carey's Auto 11
Men's B: Keith's II/Jilly's 14, Jilly's Renegades 2
Men's D: VAC 10, American Legion 6
Men's D: Jilly's 10, Bison Construction 4

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome. Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, call 773-1853.

Today

THINGS TO DO

Ballroom Dance

Rutland, Ballroom dance lessons with Mary-Anne and Mario Liguori, 7:30 p.m., one hour, Godnick Center, \$6 per couple; pre-registration not required, all welcome, 773-1853.

Monday's Events

New York-Penn League
Oneonta at Vermont Expos
Adults Softball
Women's B: Two Sheas vs. B.E. McGee, JFC
Women's C: Jilly's Bottom Fifth vs. Zemo's, MN
Men's B: Jilly's Roughnecks vs. Palms, MF
Men's B: Jilly's vs. Muck's/Replay Sports, GIO
Men's D: Sanborn's Paint vs. A Crust Above, MS 6:30 p.m.
Men's D: All Lines vs. Buccaneers, MS 7:40 p.m.
Men's C: Feds vs. Midas/Mr. C's, MS 8:50 p.m.

Chess/Checkers

Rutland, Play chess and checkers at Dana Recreation Center, 39 Center St., 7-9 p.m., free, all levels welcome.

Youth pix

Team photographs taken of all Rutland youth baseball teams on June 4 will be ready to be picked up on Saturday from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at 14 Haywood Avenue in Rutland.

For further information, call 775-5628.

Monday's Results

Rutland Adult Softball
 Women's B: Two Sheas 7, B.E. McGee 4
 Women's C: Zemo's 5, Jilly's Bottom Fifth 4
 Men's B: Jilly's Roughnecks 14, MF 11
 Men's B: Muck's/Replay Sports 14, Jilly's 11
 Men's D: A Crust Above 18, Saabon's Paint 12
 Men's D: Buccaneers/WSYB 15, All Lines 3
 Men's C: Fede vs. Midas/Mr. C's, MS 8:50 p.m.

Tuesday's Events

Rutland Adult Softball
 Women's B: Jilly's 4, Friar's/Over Easy 3
 Women's C: Cass' Pub 11, Jilly's 8
 Men's B: Brownstone 17, Nailers 0
 Men's B: Jilly's Dogs vs. Brownstone II, GIO
 Men's D: Speedi Lube 27, Stoplight 18
 Men's D: Center St. Saloonatics vs. Two Sheas, MS 7:40 p.m.
 Men's C: Magoo's vs. Vitoz, MS 8:50 p.m.

Wednesday's Events

American Legion Baseball
 Barre at Montpelier, 6 p.m.
 Rutland Adult Softball
 Women's B: Wayne's Autobody vs. FH Fitness/Ballard's, JFC
 Women's C: Sweet Tomatoes vs. Jilly's Pounders, MH
 Men's B: Dart Mart vs. Cass/Carey's Auto, MF
 Men's B: Keith's II/Jilly's vs. Jilly's Renegades, GIO
 Men's D: VAC vs. American Legion, MS 6:30 p.m.
 Men's D: Bizon Construction vs. Jilly's, MS 7:40 p.m.
 Men's C: Friar's vs. Ollie's, MS 8:50 p.m.

Rec tennis

An organizational meeting for the Rutland Recreation Department's men's league tennis will be held June 29 at 6:30 p.m. at White's Park. The first sign-up for lessons for adult beginners and intermediates will be held June 28 at 6 p.m. For more information, contact the recreation department at 773-1822.



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Dana Elkey fishes for bass at Rocky Pond earlier this week. City officials are exploring ways to purchase Rocky and Muddy ponds from the Rutland Country Club.

City considers buying ponds

By KEVIN O'CONNOR
 Herald Staff

Rutland City leaders are seeking ways to pay for the potential purchase of the locally known Rocky and Muddy ponds.

Officials have spoken with the Vermont Land Trust and state Housing and Conservation Board about financial aid.

"No commitment has yet been made, but they are very inter-

ested in the project," city Recreation Superintendent Leif Dahlin said Wednesday.

The city hopes to buy the ponds from the Rutland Country Club, which sits next to 300 acres of city-owned land that includes Giorgetti and Pine Hill parks.

"The club is interested in looking at the possibility of a transaction," Dahlin said.

Dahlin spent Wednesday draft-

ing a framework of what the city would have to do to purchase the ponds.

"We're looking for a starting point to begin discussions — a proposal that hopefully will include defining the land in question and beginning to get a bottom line."

The city hopes to appraise the

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land, propose a purchase price and seek funding from state and local sources.

"We'll be looking at fund-raising efforts," Dahlin said. "I'm not recommending we look at the taxpayer to fund this endeavor."

Country Club members would have to approve any sale. Rutland aldermen already have set up a

fund to accept private donations in case the city can buy the land, although Dahlin isn't actively seeking money yet.

"I'd rather wait and see what our fund-raising goal is," he said.

The city decided to pursue the land after hearing public complaints about a plan by two prominent Rutlanders to buy the property.

Lawyer William Meub and William Carris, owner of the

Carris Reels plant, wanted to build two homes on the shore.

Meub told aldermen if he should get so lucky as to acquire the land, Dahlin they wanted to reach the homes with a driveway through the city-owned Pine Hill Park. But opposition from almost 50 residents led the city to instead consider a purchase itself.

"We're now trying to line up all our ducks," Dahlin said.